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Hackers attack popular Twitter, Facebook sites

ONLINE Twitter came under a hacker attack on Thursday that prevented people from accessing its website for several hours.

Facebook had similar problems, which caused delays for people logging in and posting content.

Twitter co-founder Biz Stone said the site was the victim of a denial-of-service attack, a technique in which hackers overwhelm a website's servers with communications requests.

Investigators don't know yet who's behind the attacks, but believe they're related. **REUTERS**

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Vancouver Const. Jana McGuinness thanks Finnish police officers who helped capture a man after an assault on a bus driver last weekend.

Vacationing Finnish cops nab bus assault suspect

Man chased down two blocks after visitors see driver in trouble

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A group of Finnish police hockey players nabbed a man after an assault on a bus driver in Vancouver, police said Thursday.

On Sunday afternoon, seven Finnish officers, who are in Vancouver for the 2009 World Police and Fire Games, were driving to Burnaby when they passed a bus on the side of the street.

Antti Karhola, a detective sergeant with a national Finnish police force, said the bus driver was slumped over the wheel and was holding his head.

"One passenger stepped out from the bus and ran away around the corner," Karhola said. "Some of us started immediately to run after him."

The officers caught the passenger after two blocks and held him until transit security arrived.

"First, he thought it was Canadian cops that caught him. When he realized ... he began to scream, 'You can't hold me,'" Karhola said. "I think he was surprised."

On ice

- The Finnish police hockey team lost in the first round of the 2009 WPFG playoffs.

Const. Jana McGuinness, a spokeswoman for the Vancouver police, said the bus was travelling west on Hastings Street when two passengers got into a fistfight.

The driver, who had completed his six-month probation about two weeks earlier, saw the altercation behind him and pressed an emergency button.

He was speaking with transit security over the phone when one of the men punched him hard in the side of the face, slamming his head onto the steering wheel and honking the horn.

Derek Zabel, a spokesman for Coast Mountain Bus, said the driver was "shaken" by the incident but returned to work Wednesday after two days off. He left work later that day with blurry vision.

David Leopold Ruscheinsky, a 50-year-old Vancouver man, is charged with two counts of assault.

9 military chiefs in April near-disaster

CANADIAN FORCES Canada came close to losing its senior military leaders in the near-collision of a government Challenger jet and a commercial jetliner over British Columbia.

The April incident is now prompting questions about why the military allowed its top brass — including the heads of the navy, army and air force — to travel together in the first place, a practice most large corporations forbid. The Canadian Forces has no policy on whether commanders should travel apart.

It was revealed last month that the government VIP jet en route to Ottawa from Vancouver was forced to descend, and passed within 700 feet vertically, out of the path of an Emirates' Boeing 777 headed in the opposite direction near Penticton.

And now, a passenger manifest shows that the Challenger was flying with nine of the most senior military commanders, including Vice-Admiral Dean McFadden, who was head of Canada Command and now heads the navy; Vice-Admiral Denis Rouleau, the vice-chief of defence staff, the second in command; Lt.-Gen. Angus Watt, head of the air force; Lt.-Gen. Andrew Leslie, head of the army. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

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High gas prices spurring rise in biking: Survey

About 15 per cent of British Columbians — the most of any province — say they are biking more and driving less due to high gas prices, according to an Angus Reid survey released Thursday. In addition, 43 per cent said recent price increases in gasoline caused financial hardship for them or others in their household. METRO VANCOUVER

Local

Rogen's Simpsons opener

Vancouver's own Seth Rogen, left, co-wrote The Simpsons season opener airing Sept. 27, according to E! Online. The episode centres on Homer Simpson getting the main role in Everyman, a superhero created by Comic Book Guy. Rogen, who stars in the recently released Funny People movie alongside Adam Sandler, will also play Homer's personal trainer in the episode. METRO VANCOUVER

Algae may be behind vibrant lagoon water: Park society

STANLEY PARK A bloom of blue-green algae could be responsible for the recent vibrant turquoise water in Stanley Park's Lost Lagoon, the Stanley Park Ecological Society said Thursday.

Patricia Thomson, executive director of the society, said such blooms can occur late in the summer in response to warmer temperatures, increased light and nutrients.

The turquoise water was first noticed on Wednesday and is contained to a small area surrounding a concrete pedestrian bridge on the east side of the lagoon.

Swans, ducks, raccoons and a heron were in the water on Thursday.

A spokesperson for the Vancouver Park Board said there have been algae blooms in the lagoon before, but not with such a vibrant colour.

Thomson said the water is being analyzed to see if the colour change is indeed blue-green algae and whether it may contain toxins. Parks expects to have preliminary results in a couple of days.

"At this point, we're not raising any alarms," Thomson said. "But if it was a blue-green algae, there are some types that may carry some toxins."

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People look at the turquoise-coloured water of Stanley Park's Lost Lagoon Thursday.

Fire evacuees allowed to go home

LILLOOET Roughly 2,300 evacuees from Lillooet have been told they can return home after a wildfire on nearby Mount McLean forced them out on Sunday.

Gary Horley, a fire information officer, said he doesn't yet have containment numbers for the fire — which covers 3,800 hectares — but he said the east flank of Mount McLean has been stabilized.

"We do feel we have some containment because we got rid of the fuel on the (east) slope ... but it's by no means out," he said.

"It's still a very aggressive fire ... (But) the threat to the community of Lillooet has been lessened."

Evacuation alerts are still in place. KRISTEN THOMPSON/METRO VANCOUVER

Aussies join wildfire fight

Crew of 22 plus 7 New Zealanders likely going to Kamloops

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A team of Australian firefighters were greeted with an impromptu round of applause as they entered the international arrivals terminal at YVR Thursday to help fight wildfires raging in the Interior.

Seven New Zealand firefighters arrived on Wednesday.

Geoff Pike, who is part of the group of 22 Australians, said it's an "honour" to give back to Canadians, given that many of our firefighters helped battle the deadly bushfires in Australia in February.

Andrew Graystone, another Australian team member, said the newcomers will "mix straight in" with the Canadian crews because we use the same firefighting tactics here as they do Down Under.

"The forest types are obviously different, (which) creates different fire behaviour," he said.

"Adjusting to the (B.C.) terrain will be some of the hardest things our team will have to do."

More than 2,500 firefighters from B.C., and hundreds more from across the country, are battling some of the roughly 800 wildfires burning in the province.

Gene Desnoyers, a local fire centre manager who greeted the Australian team at the airport, said our crews and resources are "maxed" and we need outside help.

The Australian and New Zealand firefighters will be working on incident management and will likely be stationed in Kamloops.

KRISTEN THOMPSON/METRO VANCOUVER

Australian firefighters Michael Morley, left, and Geoff Pike at Vancouver International Airport yesterday.

News in brief

CAMPFIRE BAN There will be zero tolerance for campfires this weekend, the Ministry of Forests and Range has announced. More than 340 officials will be out fining people — without warning — anywhere from $173 to $345.

BACHELORETTE Jillian Harris, the Vancouver star of the reality TV show The Bachelorette, and her fiancé, Ed Swiderski, are denying rumours of infidelity. Swiderski is accused of meeting with an ex-girlfriend eight days after he proposed to Harris on the show, and of romancing another woman a day after that.

BREAK-INS There's been a spike in the number of residential break-ins during the day while people are at work in North Vancouver, police said on Thursday. Suspects may be ringing doorbells to see if anyone is home before forcing their way in.

PERMITS B.C. saw the sharpest increase in the value of building permits between May and June, according to a Statistics Canada report released on Thursday. The value of permits increased 30.3 per cent.

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Plane makes emergency landing

An Air Canada flight carrying 258 people made an emergency landing at YVR on Thursday. AC15 was en route to Taipei from Toronto when it reported a weather radar problem. Kate Donegani, YVR media relations, said the Boeing 777 was heavier than usual because it was carrying extra fuel for the long trip. METRO VANCOUVER

Man slain in Surrey

STABBING A Surrey man has been stabbed to death in a Fleetwood neighbourhood.

Sam McGowan, 42, suffered a stab wound to the chest and was taken to hospital, where he died of his injuries.

His girlfriend told CBC News Online McGowan died trying to protect his son. Someone knocked on his door to say his son was in trouble and McGowan ran out to help.

"This was a tragic event," Sgt. Rob Vermeulen said in a release. "The best thing we can do right now is let the investigators carry on with their investigation so the person or persons responsible can be brought to justice." METRO VANCOUVER

News in brief

ARRESTS A man and a woman with a bag full of allegedly stolen goods were caught on a bus by Mounties investigating break and enters in the North Shore.

FALL A French man broke one of his legs in several places after falling 45 metres while hiking the West Lion on the North Shore.

JOB CUTS Fuel-cell developer Ballard Power Systems said on Thursday it will cut 85 jobs. The layoffs will occur in Burnaby and Lowell, Mass.

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Film industry warns of 'war'

Other provinces upping incentives to entice movie makers

ANDREA WOO
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Competing film industries across Canada are "declaring war" on Vancouver, and "Hollywood North" could collapse if the provincial government doesn't react soon.

That's the warning coming from members of B.C.'s film industry after Quebec and Ontario both doubled their film tax credits to 25 per cent — matching B.C.'s — in efforts to woo foreign producers.

Alberta announced on Wednesday it's increasing the maximum handout from $3 million to $5 million.

The tax credits in Quebec and Ontario, however, cover not just labour but other related costs such as the purchase and rental of studios and equipment — a hefty sum amounting to up to half of total costs that B.C.'s tax credit does not cover.

"Without matching their tax credits, we're basically finished," said Chris Helcermanas-Benge, a local still photographer who recently sent a letter detailing the industry's plight to Premier Gordon Campbell and all MLAs.

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Chris Helcermanas-Benge, a Vancouver-area still photographer with more than 200 film credits, recently sent a letter detailing the film industry's plight to Premier Gordon Campbell.

Shawn Williamson, producer and partner at Vancouver's Brightlight Pictures, has faced the problem first-hand.

"We ran the numbers on a $10.6-million movie," he said.

"The tax credit here was $950,000; in Ontario it was $1.7 million. I don't want to move, but from a business point of view, I can't ignore it."

Additionally, the predicament could potentially be worsened by the implementation of next year's harmonized sales tax. Certain expenses that are currently exempt from PST — food, equipment rental, clothing and props, for example — will be subject to the additional seven per cent tax, Helcermanas-Benge said.

Kevin Milligan, an economics professor at the University of B.C., is skeptical of the cries to invest more into the local film industry.

"The tax credits aren't free," he said. "Every dollar taxed away in order to pay for the movie industry guy's tax credit deprives some other business of money that could be used to employ people or some other family of money that could be used to buy their children a bicycle or school books."

Helcermanas-Benge countered by saying the industry contributes upwards of $1.2 billion to the local economy each year.

Kevin Kreuger, minister of Tourism, Culture and the Arts, was not available for comment.

Twilight fans abuzz over return of cast

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FILM Excitement is building up for local "fanpires" hoping to spot the cast of Twilight as filming of the third instalment of the movie trilogy, titled Eclipse, starts in Vancouver on Aug 17.

Christine Kilpatrick, owner of Twilight Tours Vancouver and a devoted fan of the series, said she expects her business to continue thriving when filming begins.

She takes fans to get an "up close look at all the real life movie locations."

Robert Pattinson

Kilpatrick said people looking to spot the cast around Vancouver should spend time at the same places the actors hung out while making the first two movies.

Robert Pattinson and Kristen Stewart were frequently spotted walking along the Robson and Burrard streets area, she said. They were also seen at the Yaletown Brew Pub and Glowbal Satay & Grill Restaurant.

Kilpatrick said some girls went through extremes to catch a glimpse of Pattinson last May.

She said they crawled "commando style" through a forest area at night and used their cellphones as flashlights to make their way to the set.

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Invisible barriers remain

Women still under-represented in leadership roles

Wendy Cukier

Equal Voice has renewed its efforts to rectify the under-representation of women in political office. In 2007, Quebec Premier Jean Charest broke new ground with the first cabinet in North America to have equal representation of women.

But Canada is 48th in the world with 21 per cent women in Parliament, a marginal increase from 18 per cent in 1993. Gendered notions of leadership are deeply engrained in our culture and reinforced at every turn. Media coverage of female leaders — whether former prime minister Kim Campbell or U.S. Democratic leadership candidate Hillary Clinton — reveals subtle but profound biases. They are held to a higher standard and less likely to be recognized for their achievements. As Ann Richards, the late governor of Texas, said, "Ginger Rogers did everything Fred Astaire did. Backwards and in high heels."

Hidden assumptions reinforce the "glass ceiling" across sectors. In spite of undeniable progress — women now comprise 30 per cent of senior managers in large banks in Canada compared to seven per cent in 1991 — invisible barriers remain.

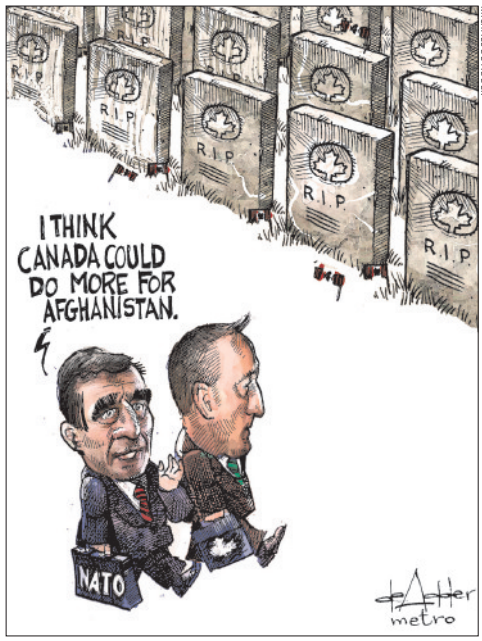
A study of Canadian managers by Ryerson's Diversity Institute and Catalyst showed corporate women believed they were held to a higher standard. Helman and Hayes confirmed that women's achievements are usually devalued. Research shows they must be more "likable" than men and are often punished for behaviours that are rewarded in men. "Strong" females are generally disliked while assertive men are "admired." "He is decisive. She is a b—." When women are labelled "control freaks," men, acting the same way, are seen as "highly committed."

"In spite of the undeniable progress, there is still work to be done and it must focus on multiple levels."

At the same time, the socialization of girls tends to limit expectations and self-confidence. In Grade 3 standardized tests, girls outperform boys in both math and English. But when asked, "Are you good at math or English?" boys were more likely to say yes to both. This confidence gap continues as they climb the corporate ladder — women are less likely to broadcast their achievements than men and are less likely to negotiate for raises and promotions. They are more likely to blame themselves for failures and share the credit for successes than men.

In spite of the undeniable progress, there is still work to be done and it must focus on multiple levels. Among the priorities? Representation of women leaders in the media; policies and practices in organizations; and early education to ensure girls aim high, and give and take credit where credit is due.

Wendy Cukier is the associate dean of the Ted Rogers School of Management at Ryerson University, and the founder of Ryerson's Diversity Institute.



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Worth mentioning

Pope's blessing sought to stop melting glacier

After centuries of praying for a local glacier to stop growing, Swiss villagers are now seeking an audience with Pope Benedict XVI to get his blessing for prayers against the global warming that is causing it to recede.

In 1678, the inhabitants of the Alpine villages of Fieschertal and Fiesch made a formal vow to live virtuously and to pray against the growth of the Aletsch glacier, Europe's longest, which had caused a lake to flood into their homes. To reinforce their prayers, they started holding an annual procession in 1862, when the glacier reached its longest during the mini-Ice Age Europe suffered in the mid-19th century.

But the villages now want to seek permission from Pope Benedict to change their vow as the glacier is melting fast due to climate change and have requested an audience with him.

Switzerland's glaciers shrank by 12 per cent over the past decade, melting at their fastest rate due to rising temperatures and lighter snowfalls, a recent study showed. Glaciers are a key source of water for hydroelectric plants in Switzerland as well as an important tourist attraction. REUTERS

Pope Benedict

Views

Practical plan needed to end homelessness

UrbanCompass

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It ended with a whimper.

The last homeless shelter under the Granville Street Bridge closed quietly Wednesday, two days early, ending an overextended drama that played out nightly on the news for months.

Somehow, someone found 35 rooms for the people at the shelter, which brings up a few questions: How did those rooms suddenly become available? And if they were available all along, why weren't they used to accommodate the homeless people from the shelters?

And was it really necessary to establish two homeless shelters in a residential neighbourhood without consulting the residents, and then keep them open against the express wishes of the residents?

I think everyone involved knows the answer to that, which means there's really only one question left to answer: What have we learned?

Let's take a crack at that one.

We've learned there may be ways to foster peaceful co-existence between those with homes and those without, but, clearly, this was not one of those ways.

The residents of False Creek have learned that you can fight city hall, but only if you have video evidence of people urinating in your front yard, selling drugs, openly carrying weapons, or having sex on the street corner.

Homeless people have learned that rooms magically appear when it becomes politically expedient for them to appear.

I'm not sure what Mayor Gregor the Good and his merry band of Vision councillors have learned. Hopefully, they've learned something. Anything. Like maybe it's time to stop having visions and start seeing things as they really are.

The rest of us have learned we've elected a city council that, given a choice between a right way to do something and a wrong way, seem fatally compelled to choose the latter.

I hope that all of us have learned that these "emergency" warehouse-style shelters are not a way to end homelessness. They are a way to prevent homeless people from freezing to death on the coldest nights of the year, but making them permanent is a lazy and irresponsible stab at a solution.

Homelessness is not an accidental state. Every homeless person has a reason for being on the street, and throwing everyone together into a big garage is a recipe for disaster. If Gregor Robertson is serious about ending homelessness by 2015, it's time he acknowledged the scope of the problem and outlined a detailed and practical plan to address it.

But that would defy an easy solution and cheap talk. And that's what got him elected, isn't it?

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NEW IMMIGRANTS AND SCOTIABANK CUSTOMERS

Take Sushma and Baskar Rao. The software engineer and her chartered accountant husband landed in Canada on January 16 this year, and the very next day they applied for SIN cards and credit cards. Having activated their Canadian banking account while still in Bangalore (India), they were also able to transfer their funds to Canada with great ease – something that was not possible before Scotiabank launched the *Scotiabank StartRight*™ program for newcomers to Canada.

Baskar was one of the first applicants in India to take advantage of the *Scotiabank StartRight* Program. "We had an account with Scotiabank in Canada within a week of applying in India, and within two or three weeks, we had remitted funds to Canada," he says.

"The credit goes to my brother," says Baskar, 34. "He told me to check out the *Scotiabank StartRight* Program for newcomers that Scotiabank offers through its branches and in partnership with HDFC Bank in India."

Rania Llewellyn, Vice-President, Multicultural Banking at Scotiabank, says Canada receives approximately 250,000 new immigrants a year. She adds "While a very significant proportion of these are from South Asia, China and the Philippines, the *Scotiabank StartRight* Program addresses the needs of all new immigrants, wherever they come from."

Establishing credit history in Canada is vital

Having worked in the US with KPMG for a year, Baskar says he knew it was important to get his credit history meter ticking as soon as possible. "With the *Scotiabank StartRight* Program, I was able do so on day one."

Sushma has also taken advantage of the small safety deposit box[1] offered free for a year as part of the *Scotiabank StartRight* Program. "Our focus group discussions show new immigrants place a high value on safety deposit boxes and getting a credit card," says Pankaj Mehra, Director, India and South Asian Markets. Many immigrants with their inherent faith in precious metals would be happy to learn that Scotiabank is Canada's gold bank.

"Through our subsidiary - ScotiaMocatta, we are one of the largest distributors of precious metals in the world - we cater to the very substantial gold and jewellery markets in India," says Mehra. "In the Canadian context, what this means is that Scotiabank clients can invest in gold by getting coins and gold bars, and invest in other precious metals at our branches across Canada"

Getting settled – one step at a time

Baskar landed a job as an internal auditor, a month into the job hunt. "I'd been prepared to take whatever came my way as it is not good to sit idle, so it feels great to land a job in my field." With the financial pressure off, Sushma was better able to concentrate on her own job hunt. She had met consultants, applied for positions, and eventually landed a job with Research in Motion.

When their immigration papers came through, Baskar says his father and brother advised him to move to Canada with his wife rather than coming alone first, finding a job and then getting her to join him. "Enjoy both the hardships and the happiness together", they said.

Things which can be overwhelming for a new immigrant were handled with such ease thanks to the friendly and helpful people at Scotiabank. Honestly, I don't see us facing any hardships," says Baskar. "Scotiabank helped us skip a few steps by starting us off on the right note while we were still in India – I call it the Dummies' Guide to Banking! The *Scotiabank StartRight* Program opened the doors for us to our new life."

Feeling at home in Canada

The Raos enjoyed their first Canadian winter this year. "Shovelling was fun – I was an apprentice to my brother!" laughs Baskar who was living together with his brother then. Sushma thinks Spring is beautiful and is looking forward to enjoying the beauty of each season as it unfolds – though we feel this summer hasn't been anything to talk about.

"We love Canada," says Sushma. "Bangalore is multicultural in the local sense, Canada is multicultural in the international context. We fit right in. We feel at home!"

Hiring people from within the community

Making new immigrants feel at home are *Scotia*® advisors like Jaswant Thind, who apply their own experiences as new immigrants in their interactions with the bank's clients.

With several years of experience in sales and finance in Punjab, India, Thind landed a transition job the day after landing at Pearson International. "When I got my first cheque a week later, I didn't have an account to deposit it in" he recalls. Today, a financial advisor at Scotiabank's Queen Street branch in Brampton, Thind advises newcomers on issues vital to their settling in well in their new country.

"I see people who have been in Canada for three or four years and still don't have a credit card. They come from cash societies where credit card use is still to catch on in a big way. I tell them to apply for a no-fee credit card[2] through the *Scotiabank StartRight* Program; and that without a credit history, they will find it next to impossible to get a mortgage, or a car loan."

He says people often feel more comfortable discussing their finances in their own language and he is happy to speak to customers in Punjabi. "Coming from a similar background, I feel I understand their needs better."

Aware of the value South Asians place on education, he also advises them to invest in RESPs to finance their children's higher studies. Thind is active in the community and says people will often approach him at the gurudwara (Sikh temple of worship) or at malls and parks to ask for financial tips. "Coming from a similar background, I feel I understand their needs better" says Thind.

"At Scotiabank, we realize the importance of building a workforce that truly reflects the communities we serve" says Rania Llewellyn. The Bank embraces diversity in all its facets, and its culture is based on community and teamwork. "We even participate in programs that provide career opportunities to new immigrants", she adds.

Scotia advisors like Jaswant Thind can serve new immigrants in many different languages.

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Feds to try to help man stuck in Ethiopian jail

The federal government remains "committed at the highest levels" to doing everything it can to help a Canadian citizen who was sentenced to life in an Ethiopian jail this week, says a senior cabinet minister involved in the case. Canada is looking at a number of ideas to help Bashir Makhtal, Transport Minister John Baird said on Thursday. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Canada

Divers find WW2 plane wreckage

Canadian divers have found what they believe is the wreck of a U.S. seaplane that sank in the St. Lawrence River in November 1942, and there may still be human remains aboard, officials said Thursday. The U.S. Army Air Force PBY 5A flying boat foundered after trying to take off in high waves near Longue-Pointe-de-Mingan, Que., some 940 kilometres northeast of Montreal. Five members of the nine-man crew died. REUTERS

Soldiers spending big: Report

Officials suggest giving briefings on financial skills

They can defuse roadside bombs and take out Taliban fighters, but young Canadian soldiers can't seem to hang on to the big bonuses they earn risking their lives in Afghanistan.

Many are blowing their hard-earned danger pay as soon as they get off the battlefield, hitting the bars and partying at five-star resorts on the Mediterranean island of Cyprus, where the military is offering them counselling and "decompression."

Before returning to Canada, soldiers are sent to a plush seaside hotel and spa in the western city of Paphos for five days of rest and relaxation intended to help them adjust back to civilian life.

But military documents obtained by the Toronto Star suggest the defence department's preferred method of treating the mental toll of war is taking a personal financial toll on the troops.

"Many of the young soldiers coming out of theatre with large amounts of money were losing it within short periods of time, usually at TLDs (Third-Location Decompressions)," notes the report, which was written after some 2,800 soldiers shuttled through Cyprus this spring following their deployment to Kandahar.

Military officials who run the program in Cyprus have recommended soldiers receive briefings before deployment on how to manage the extra money they're paid while at war. Lessons on responsible financial skills should be delivered again as soon as those soldiers leave Afghanistan, says the report, which was released through the Access to Information Act.

But the bigger problem is that "abuse of alcohol" appears to be the primary activity of soldiers, according to the military report.

The problem reached such a state when the last contingent of Canadians stopped off in Cyprus this spring that military officials have recommended slapping a two-drink limit on soldiers for the first night of their decompression to "facilitate learning" in a Day 2 course on transitioning from life at war to life at home.

In a study of Canadian troops returning home from Afghanistan, University of Calgary Prof. Anne Irwin, who accompanied and interviewed many of the soldiers, noted that meeting women was also a high priority for many when they landed in Cyprus.

"Some of them were successful in their quest for casual sex, and some patronized prostitutes," she wrote in a 2008 paper for the Canadian Defence and Foreign Affairs Institute.

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Bump to danger pay

- The 2007 federal budget put aside $60 million each year to increase to $285 per month the danger pay that members of the army receive, meaning a soldier serving on a six-month tour would earn about $1,700 in addition to base salary.

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Saskatchewan Premier Brad Wall, right, shares a laugh with New Brunswick Premier Shawn Graham before the start of the Council of Federation meeting in Regina on Thursday.

Premiers back PM on 'Buy America' issue

POLITICS Canada's premiers are firmly behind Prime Minister Stephen Harper in his bid to counter protectionist trade policies being adopted in the U.S.

In a rare show of unity, premiers of all political stripes yesterday vowed to help Harper as he fights the so-called "Buy America" provisions being applied by American state and local governments that prevent Canadian companies from bidding on projects funded by President Barack Obama's $787-billion US stimulus package.

Harper is to meet with Obama on Sunday and he is expected to tell the president Canada is ready to move ahead in the effort to neutralize the Buy America problem. This will lay the groundwork, sources say, for International Trade Minister Stockwell Day to send a letter to U.S. Trade Representative Ronald Kirk next week, indicating that Ottawa is ready to begin negotiations aimed at solving the issue.

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Flight delays

- Thanks to a summer thunderstorm that wreaked havoc on Air Canada flights Tuesday, Ontario's Premier Dalton McGuinty, Nova Scotia's Premier Darrell Dexter, Prince Edward Island's Premier Robert Ghiz and New Brunswick's Premier Shawn Graham were stranded at Pearson International Airport in Toronto en route to the annual Council of the Federation meeting in Regina.

NATO heads want Canada to stay in Afghanistan past 2011

POLICY NATO wants Canada to extend its military mission in southern Afghanistan beyond the planned 2011 withdrawal date, the alliance's new secretary-general, Anders Fogh Rasmussen, said on Thursday, increasing the pressure on Ottawa to change its mind.

The remarks were the most pointed yet by NATO, some of whose senior members are working behind the scenes to persuade Ottawa to change its mind about ending the 2,700-strong combat mission in Kandahar in 2011.

Canadian Foreign Minister Lawrence Cannon quickly reiterated that Ottawa would stick to its withdrawal plan.

The federal government has long complained that Canadian troops are bearing a disproportionate burden in Afghanistan. REUTERS

News in brief

POLL Canada's governing Conservatives have regained a narrow lead in public opinion over the main opposition Liberals, but would struggle to win an election now, according to a weekly poll released on Thursday. The Ekos survey for the CBC put the Conservatives at 34.9 per cent support, up from 32.5 per cent last week. The Liberals were at 31.9 per cent, down from 34.1 per cent. REUTERS

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Ottawa's 'top levels' going to bat for Bashir

Baird pledges help for Canadian jailed in Ethiopia

The federal government is "committed at the highest levels" to help a Canadian citizen sentenced to life in an Ethiopian jail, says a senior cabinet minister.

Canada is looking at a number of ideas to help Bashir Makhtal, Transport Minister John Baird said Thursday in a phone interview.

"We're looking at three or four options. But we'd rather not talk about it right now."

Makhtal, an ethnic Somali born in Ethiopia's Ogaden region, was convicted of being a member of a separatist group, engaging in an armed struggle against the government and aiding and abetting the Islamic Courts Union, a religious alliance that seized control of Somalia before it was toppled by the U.S. and Ethiopian forces.

Makhtal says he's innocent.

"We are very committed at the highest levels to do everything we can," said Baird, whose Ottawa riding is home to a large Somali community.

"What we want to do is follow the shortest route from here to get Bashir home."

Earlier this week, Ottawa acknowledged that Makhtal, a former Torontonian who left Canada in 2002 to start a used clothing business, had been wrongfully convicted.

Added Baird: "I have been on the record for some time that there has been no evidence presented against him."

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> **"What we want to do is follow the shortest route from here to get Bashir home ."**
> Transport Minister John Baird

PM meets Obama at flu summit

HEALTH Prime Minister Stephen Harper is heading to Mexico for a swine flu summit.

He'll join the leaders of the United States and Mexico to address ways to deal with influenza A (H1N1), also known as swine flu, says a senior U.S. official.

U.S. President Barack Obama met with top officials Thursday to discuss vaccine development, said John Brennan, deputy national security adviser.

Obama travels to Guadalajara, Mexico, Sunday for talks with Harper and Mexican President Felipe Calderon.

Flu Outbreak

The World Health Organization reports 162,230 confirmed cases and 1,154 deaths from the virus.

Experts expect the flu will pick up activity in the northern hemisphere's autumn and the WHO predicted one third of the world's population — 2 billion people — will eventually become infected.

The first vaccines should be ready for use in some countries beginning in September, the WHO said Thursday. REUTERS

Ottawa's giant vaccine order

IMMUNIZATIONS The federal government will order 50.4 million doses of swine flu vaccine, Health Minister Leona Aglukkaq announced Thursday.

And Ottawa will pick up 60 per cent of the cost for vaccinations, CBC News Online reports.

The number of doses is enough for all Canadians who want and need to be vaccinated against the H1N1 pandemic virus. The total cost will be more than $400 million.

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Private investigators release image of woman wanted in child search

Police are seeking a woman, the likeness of whom is pictured at left, in the hunt for missing girl Madeleine McCann. The woman is being sought because of something she said to a British man who met her in Barcelona 72 hours after Madeleine went missing, local media reported. REUTERS

World

Bride dons two-kilometre wedding dress

A Chinese bride is hoping to enter the record books after getting married in a wedding dress with a train more than two kilometres long. It took guests more than three hours to roll out the gown, complete with 9,999 silk red roses attached to it, state news agency Xinhua said. "Both the length of the dress and the number silk roses pinned on the wedding dress can make history," the report quoted groom Zhao Peng as saying. "I do not want a cliche wedding parade or banquet," he said. The dress cost $5,856 US. REUTERS

2 Canadians killed, 1 missing in flood

PHILIPPINES At least two Canadians were killed and another is missing after a flash flood caused by torrential monsoon rains, the mayor of a town in the Philippines said Friday, CBC News Online reports.

They were with a group travelling in three all-terrain vehicles when a landslide blocked their path. A flash flood swept the three Canadians away, the mayor said. Two bodies were later found. REUTERS

News in brief

CHINA Chinese web users have launched a postcard campaign to support dissidents in prisons and to protest against their detention, one of the organizers said. Beijing is tightening its grip on the activist community ahead of the 60th anniversary of the People's Republic.

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Afghan bombs kill 10 civilians and police

Two roadside bombs in Afghanistan's most violent province killed five revellers heading to a wedding and five policemen, officials said Thursday.

The first bomb struck a family heading to a wedding in a tractor Wednesday in volatile Helmand province's Garmsir district, where a new force of U.S. Marines has been battling Taliban guerrillas since launching a major operation last month.

Earlier Thursday Afghanistan's Interior and Defence ministries had put the toll from the wedding attack at 21 dead.

But officials lowered the toll to five after investigating further, Helmand police chief Asadullah Sherzad said.

"Because of the remoteness of the area we did not have accurate information in the morning. The toll of five killed and five wounded is precise information and that comes from an investigation by our team," he told Reuters by telephone.

The second bomb exploded near a police vehicle Thursday in Naad Ali district, also in Helmand, killing five policemen and injuring three.

Violence, already at its worst since the Taliban were ousted in 2001, has increased in the last weeks of campaigning for an Aug. 20 presidential election, which militants vow to disrupt.

Thousands of U.S. Marines and British troops last month simultaneously launched the war's two biggest operations in separate parts of Helmand to seize territory from Taliban fighters ahead of the election. The ongoing operations are meant to expand the government's control of the volatile south. REUTERS

Civilian toll

- More than 1,000 civilians were killed in Afghanistan between January and June — against 818 in the same period last year, according to UN data.

Algeria Graduation day

ZOHRA BENSEMRA/REUTERS

Female police cadets perform during their graduation ceremony at an Algerian police academy Thursday.

Attacks may signal new activism

ARSON Animal rights activists claimed responsibility Thursday for burning down the holiday home of Novartis Inc. chief executive Daniel Vasella, as Swiss police said a second grave of his family had been desecrated.

Vasella's Austrian holiday home caught fire on Monday.

The attacks on drug maker Novartis may mark a revival of animal rights activism in Europe, which reached a peak in Britain before the introduction of new police powers five years ago. REUTERS

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New Zealand votes on law against child smacking
A New Zealand referendum is asking citizens to reassess a controversial 2007 law that made smacking children a criminal offence. Domestic violence is a major issue in New Zealand, which has the third-highest rate of child deaths caused by maltreatment in the OECD. REUTERS

Proof weak, says Pakistan

India told evidence not enough for suspect's arrest

Pakistan said on Thursday that evidence given by India failed to build a case for the arrest of Hafiz Saeed, the founder of a Pakistan-based group blamed for the Mumbai attacks, a stance certain to stoke anger in India.

India, which has insisted Pakistan act against Saeed and other members of the Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) for the November attacks in which 166 people died, last week handed fresh evidence to Islamabad.

But Pakistani Foreign Office spokesman Abdul Basit said the information provided by India had not helped although Islamabad was proceeding with the case.

"The material contained in that ... dossier apropos Hafiz Saeed is not really enough and doesn't really strengthen our hands to take, or to proceed legally, as has been expected," he told a weekly news conference.

His comments came as a Mumbai court separately sentenced three Indians to death for conspiring with Lashkar in an earlier attack on the city that killed 54 people. Indian prosecutors said the blasts in 2003 were hatched in Dubai with several LeT conspirators. REUTERS

Detained, released

- Hafiz Saeed was detained in the wake of the November attacks after a UN Security Council resolution put him on a list of people supporting al-Qaida.
- But in June, the Lahore High Court released him on grounds of insufficient evidence, prompting the Pakistani government to appeal for his re-arrest.

Panama **Massive cocaine bust**

ALBERTO LOWE / REUTERS

A narcotics officer stands near about 1,786 kilograms of cocaine displayed at a police station in Panama City Thursday. One Panamanian and four Mexicans, were arrested at the entrance of the North Corridor when the drugs were discovered.

Agency cuts Atlantic hurricane forecast for 2009

STORMS The U.S. government climate agency cut its 2009 Atlantic hurricane forecast Thursday, predicting there would be between seven and 11 tropical storms, with three to six becoming hurricanes.

The U.S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration said one to two of those would be "major" hurricanes of Category 3 or higher, with sustained winds of more than 110 miles per hour.

The agency predicted in May there would be nine to 14 tropical storms, with four to seven becoming hurricanes, and one to three strengthening into major hurricanes. The change was based mainly on the arrival of El Nino, a periodic warming of sea waters. REUTERS

News in brief

IRAQ Authorities have shut down a leading journalists' organization, members said on Thursday, a move condemned by international press groups. Armed men raided and sealed the Tehran offices of the Association of Iranian Journalists on Wednesday. REUTERS

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Carbon-eating cement project wins funding for U.K. firm

Novacem, a British start-up company developing a cement that absorbs carbon dioxide, has raised one million pounds ($3 million) to fund its work, underscoring the growing interest in eco-friendly construction ventures. **REUTERS**

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Credit delinquency soaring

Bureau report says long-overdue bills up by 24% in Canada

Canadians are missing credit payments at "an ever-increasing rate," fuelling a 24 per cent jump in annualized national delinquency rate in June, says a new report by Equifax Canada.

The credit bureau released data Thursday showing the average delinquency rate for Canada was 1.56 per cent at the end of June. In addition to the double-digit year-over-year increase, that rate rose three per cent over the prior month.

Equifax defines delinquent bills as those that are at least 90 days overdue.

Its data show that Nova Scotia has the highest delinquency rate among the provinces at 2.09 per cent, while Saskatchewan had the lowest at 1.24 per cent. Ontario's rate was 1.78 per cent, according to the report.

Alberta and British Columbia, meanwhile, continue to enjoy delinquency rates that trail behind the national average at 1.46 per cent and 1.35 per cent, respectively.

Nonetheless, Equifax stressed average delinquency rates were "rising dramatically" in those western provinces over the past year. On a yearly basis, Alberta registered a whopping 32 per cent increase and the B.C. rate rose 30 per cent.

Toronto continues to have the highest delinquency rate of any city at 2.03 per cent, even though its yearly increase rate is 20.12 per cent, which is below the national average, the Equifax report said.

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Highest city rate

- Among the 10 major Canadian cities Equifax tracks, Calgary experienced the biggest jump; its delinquency rate posted an annualized hike of 35 per cent to 1.36 per cent.

Warner Music sales fall, but digital revenues spike

MUSIC Warner Music Group posted a wider-than-expected quarterly loss Thursday as recorded music sales continued to tumble, sending shares down more than five per cent.

The world's third-largest music company said its loss from continuing operations was $37 million US, or 25 cents a share, in the fiscal third quarter ended June 30, compared with a year-earlier loss of $9 million, or six cents a share. Revenue fell 9.3 per cent to $769 million. Analysts were expecting revenue of $760.9 million and a loss of 16 cents per share.

Revenue from digital music grew by 5.4 per cent to $175 million, accounting for nearly 23 per cent of the company's total revenue. **REUTERS**

Top albums

- Top sellers in the three months to June 30 included Green Day, Flo Rida and the soundtrack from the film Twilight.

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Business in brief

FOOD The marriage of Tim Hortons Inc. and Cold Stone Creamery, the United States' sixth-largest ice cream vendor, is going so well that the coffee and doughnut chain says it may open more than the 50 stores it planned for this year. The partnership, announced last February, is one of the reasons the coffee chain is picking up steam in the U.S., where the Canadian icon faces better-known rivals.

TRAVEL WestJet Airlines Ltd posted a 66 per cent drop in quarterly earnings Thursday as a weak economy squeezed travel demand, and the carrier said it expects no real improvement this year in revenue per seat mile. Still, the results at Canada's No. 2 airline were better than expected, helped by lower fuel costs and stronger than anticipated unit revenue, and the company's shares jumped 4.7 per cent in early trade. Westjet said earnings came in at $9.2 million. **REUTERS**

South Korea Ssangyong strike

SHIN JOONG-HUN/REUTERS

A Ssangyong Motor worker, who was among hundreds of workers who stopped their strike on Thursday, hugs his daughter outside the plant in Pyeongtaek. Ssangyong has agreed with union workers on a framework for mass layoffs.

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Sports

Snoop joins Ravens

Snoop Dogg, left, joined the Baltimore Ravens at a training camp practice Thursday, watching from the sideline before ending practice by leading a chant within the team huddle. Snoop arrived at practice with an entourage that included someone who held an umbrella over the singer's head. Snoop said he attended practice to see the Ravens' famous defence in action. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Sutton was our Olympic soul

Dr. Gene Sutton didn't look much like an Olympian. She resembled a kindly aunt or maybe your biggest fan. You know, the sort of person that was always there to support you when you played that crucial game or doubted yourself the most. She was there when you competed on your own. You looked up and there was Gene cheering you on — cheering all of Canada on.

She was a big part of the Olympic soul in this country and now she's gone.

For many years Gene Sutton was the unsung hero of the Canadian Olympic Committee, who sat on its executive council and reminded its board of directors that the Olympics should be about more than making money and sacrificing principle in order to win the most medals.

"I call her the conscience of the Olympic movement in Canada," Chris Rudge, the head of the COC, has often said.

Gene Sutton

As the longtime chair of the Canadian Olympic Academy, the educational wing of the movement, Gene Sutton sent pilgrims to Olympia in ancient Greece to get in touch with the roots of the Olympics.

"It was a life changing experience for me," recalled gymnast Alexandra Orlando, who competed in Beijing and only recently returned from the International Olympic Academy to learn of her mentor's Aug. 2 death.

"I'm still in shock," Orlando said.

Gene Sutton worked tirelessly in an effort to bring the Commonwealth Games to Hamilton and was a driving force behind the Pan American Games bid for 2015. She taught sport and recreation at Mohawk College and judged gymnastics on a national and international level since anyone can remember.

In 2003, Gene led Team Canada as the chef de mission at the Pan Am Games in the Dominican Republic. Everyone swears she attended every event anyone who wore a Maple Leaf was involved in. She was the constant presence and the consummate cheerleader.

Gene was most at home in Olympia at the International Olympic Academy, a place she had lectured at many times. Maybe it was because she found like-minded people there from all over the world.

"It is the most beautiful and inspiring place I've ever been and I can't wait to get back," she once told me.

Maybe Gene Sutton is on her way there now to be at peace with her Olympic soulmates.

Scott Russell is the Host of CBC Sports Weekend seen Saturday afternoons. He has covered professional and amateur sports including nine Olympic games and numerous world championships.

Harrington on a roll at Bridgestone

GOLF Ireland's Padraig Harrington spectacularly rolled in three successive putts from more than 20 feet to grab a two-shot lead in Thursday's opening round at the Bridgestone Invitational.

The three-times major winner fired a flawless six-under-par 64 at Firestone Country Club.

Mike Weir of Bright's Grove, Ont., is seven back after a 1-over 71.

REUTERS

Sports in brief

FINED Milwaukee Brewers star Prince Fielder and Los Angeles Dodgers pitcher Guillermo Mota have been fined for their run-in this week, but won't be suspended. Fielder charged the Dodgers clubhouse, but was restrained, after Tuesday's game in which he was hit by a pitch from Mota.

MCNAIR The Tennessee Titans will honour slain former quarterback Steve McNair by wearing a No. 9 decal on their helmets this season, starting with this weekend's Hall of Fame Game against the Buffalo Bills.

TENNIS The International Tennis Federation filed an appeal Thursday over an independent tribunal's decision to essentially clear Richard Gasquet of doping after he tested positive for cocaine. The ITF's tribunal panel ruled last month that Gasquet inadvertently took cocaine by kissing a woman in a nightclub.

SENTENCED Julio Castillo, a minor-league pitcher who threw a baseball that went into the stands and injured a fan during an on-field melee in Ohio last year, has been sentenced to 30 days in jail and three years probation. Castillo faced a possible eight-year sentence.

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Lions host Riders in must-win game

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It's hard to imagine a must-win game in Week 6. However for the 1-4 Lions, it doesn't get much closer. Not much has been going right for the Leos this season and for them to make the playoffs they need to turn things around very soon.

ARMOURED DEFENCE: Lions coach Wally Buono has decided to switch things up on defence. Newly acquired linebacker JoJuan Armour will dress in favour of Javier Glatt.

We'll see how it works as Saskatchewan has one of the league's best threats out of the backfield in RB Wes Cates.

LION TAMER: Reigning rookie of the year, SB Weston Dressler has hurt the Lions with 18 catches for 412 yards in 4 games. He had 7 catches for 154 yards against B.C. in week 1.

LONE STAR: Watch for RB Martell Mallet, who has been one of the Lions' only bright spots this year with 339 yards on 56 carries.

DANIEL HENDRIKSEN
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Kelly Gruber belts out a laugh as Todd Stottlemyre and Tom Henke stand by. Current Blue Jays and players from the World Series teams of '92 and '93 played in the Toronto Blue Jays Care Foundation 14th annual charity golf tournament at Rattle Snake Point Thursday in Milton, Ont.

World champion Blue Jays reunited

One is a successful stock market player. Some are going back to school. Most are coaching baseball at some level. And others are investing in the most important stock of all: Their families.

Members of the 1992 and '93 Blue Jays World Series championship teams have gathered in Toronto this weekend for a long overdue, but still very welcome, reunion. They'll be given a tribute before Friday's game against Baltimore at the Rogers Centre and Saturday afternoon will have autograph sessions outside the stadium before the game.

The players find it hard to believe so much time has gone by since they sat perched atop the baseball world — back-to-back at that. They also acknowledge that over that span, it has been difficult to keep up with each other despite the fact that for those two seasons many of them were like brothers.

Until this weekend, Jays manager Cito Gaston, who also managed those two championship teams, remained the closest link for Toronto fans to the glory days.

Whatever post-baseball trails they follow, the former Jays are forever tied together through their Series triumphs.

It's just "funny," as Tom Henke puts it, how life goes on after such a life defining moment.

"I'm as guilty as anyone, you get involved in your own life and you don't stay in touch as much as you should," Henke said.

"Sometimes you look at it like it never happened. Then you look at the ring on your finger (championship ring) and the trophies, and it comes back to you like it happened yesterday." TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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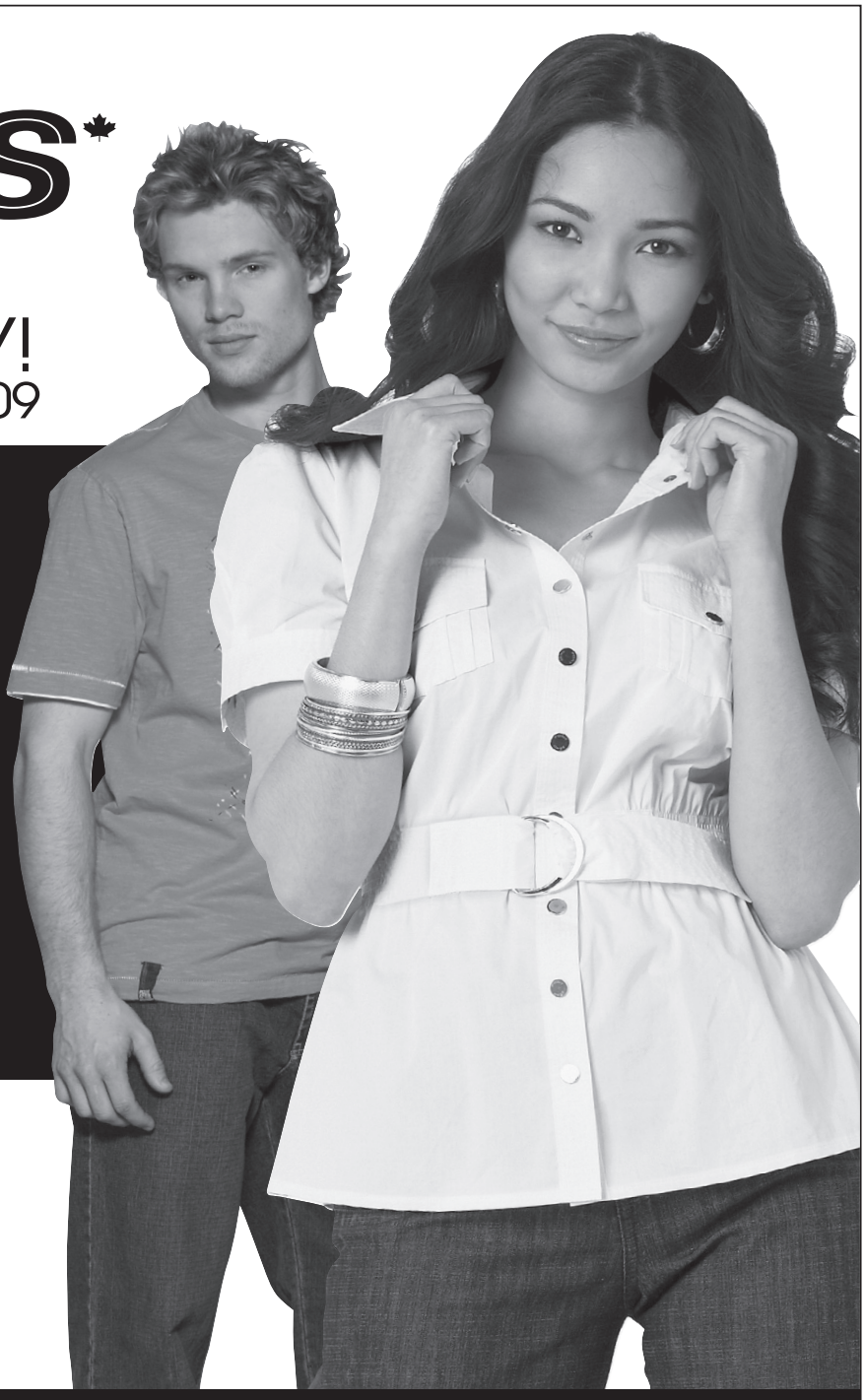

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The Time Traveler's Wife, starring Canadian starlet Rachel McAdams and Eric Bana, is a bittersweet saga of separation and longing. "We tried to step away from the 'time travel' of it all," says McAdams of the love story.

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Love through the decades

Bana, McAdams in sync with Time Traveler's Wife

If there's one thing Eric Bana and Rachel McAdams appear to share, it's timing.

As they let out a perfectly synchronized, off-screen chuckle — his, a guffaw, hers a dainty peal — you're momentarily intoxicated by their chemistry.

And you almost forget their upcoming film, The Time Traveler's Wife, opening opening next Friday, is a bittersweet saga of separation and longing, heavier on the tears than the laughs.

The Time Traveler's Wife opens next Friday

This month, the two breathe life into Audrey Niffenegger's novel, chronicling the relationship between the ill-fated Henry (Bana) and his perseverant wife Clare (McAdams), as they struggle to keep their love afloat despite his unpredictable tendencies to shuffle frenetically between decades.

Movie **feature**

"I think it was really important to root (our performances) into something that we could relate to and not just this intangible thing," shares McAdams.

"So we tried to step away from the 'time travel' of it all — though Eric can attest to a little bit of that, being from Australia," she continues, mischievously glancing at her co-star, who admits that his trans-hemispheric flights home and regular bouts of jet lag certainly helped in prepping for Henry.

Eric Bana and Canadian starlet Rachel McAdams star in The Time Traveler's Wife.

"It's weird, but being an actor is perfect preparation for a character like this because there's a lot of plugging in and plugging out," Bana adds.

For Canadian actress McAdams, who fell head over heels for Niffenegger's novel years ago, the role came with a fair share of trepidation. "We knew we were going to be playing characters that people had already cast in their head, but how do you meld their idea with yours?" she muses. "At a certain point, though you just have to fall into it."

And then came the logistical hiccups. The crew waited on just about everything to grow — from the idyllic, Canadian meadow where some of the film's key moments were shot, to Bana's hair, which frequently served as an indicator for how old Henry was.

"I didn't want to wear a wig," confesses Bana, who was bald before filming began. "But luckily, this stuff grows really fast," he claims, grinning, as he grabs a fistful of his dark locks.

In the spirit of time travel, the two even mulled over eras they'd wanted to be transported to, ala Henry. "The '50s," quips Bana, who carries a fascination for the decades before his birth. "I'd like to see my parents fall in love," reveals McAdams. "And go back to the good old days."

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Thirst a rather parched affair

Thirst
Director: Park Chan Wook
Stars: Song Kang-Ho, Kim Ok-Vin
Classification: STC
Rating: ●●

ADAM NAYMAN
for Metro Canada

A scene from Korean filmmaker Park Chan Wook's Thirst.

REVIEW Thirst finds South Korean auteur Park Chan Wook revisiting the baroquely ostentatious cruelty of his Vengeance trilogy, but with two twists: 1) the script is loosely based on Emile Zola's 140 year-old-novel Therese Raquin, and 2) the principal characters are vampires.

It's an odd equation — Korean shock cinema plus French naturalist literature plus post-Twilight bloodsucker chic — and thus no surprise that Thirst feels like a film at odds with itself.

The relative austerity of the first act, which finds anguished priest Sang-hyeon (Song Kang-ho) submitting to an experimental medical procedure only to wind up plasma-mad, has a stilted, uncertain quality: It's the work of a provocateur straining to remain on his best behaviour.

Cue the juicy machinations of the mid-section, which finds Sang-hyeon besotted with an old school friend, Tae Jooo (Kim Ok-vin) trapped in a grotesque marriage of convenience: Her husband's fate will come as no surprise to those who have read Zola.

From there, Thirst mutates into a bizarre domestic fugue — call it I Married a Vampire — with Tae Joo hinting that she wants in on the undead-and-super-powered thing and Sang-hyeon understandably reticent to accommodate the request.

The filmmaking is oddly sloppy. There's none of the drive that animated Oldboy, and Park's nasty gags and tidy ironies — like that of a Catholic priest whose overdue sensual awakening leads to murder — shrivel upon sustained contemplation.

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Ferrell pulls out of Neighbourhood Watch

Variety reports that Will Ferrell and director David Dobkin have backed out of Fox's comedy Neighborhood Watch. Ferrell had been set to play a man who uncovers a conspiracy while working with a neighborhood watch program. **EW.COM**

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Finger-lickin' good

Julie & **Julia**

Director: Nora Ephron
Stars: Meryl Streep, Amy Adams. Stanley Tucci
Classification: STC
Rating: ●●●½

ANNE BRODIE
for Metro Canada

In Julie & Julia, director Nora Ephron weaves together two stories that take place in different centuries, countries and cultures, but inspired by a single force of nature — the iconoclastic Julia Child whose passion for French cooking changed North American cuisine.

Child's story, based on her memoir My Life in France, focuses primarily on her culinary adventures in Paris in the fifties, where she developed her palate, skills and landmark book Mastering the Art of French Cooking (for "servantless Americans").

The second story takes place in blogger Julie Powell's grimy Long Island apartment, circa 2002, based on her book Julie and Julia: 365 Days, 524 Recipes, 1 Tiny Apartment.

Powell set about a Herculean task; to prepare every recipe in Child's cookbook and write about it. The blog became a sensation, then a book, a play and now film.

Meryl Streep brings legendary chef Julia Child to life in Julie & Julia.

Meryl Streep is sensational, eerily spot on as Child, a larger than life character — literally and figuratively — with a booming yet oddly sing song voice and brimming with fearless positivity. Streep is intense and precise; even as she gives space to let Child break loose from convention.

Adams, in her second project with Streep, plays Powell as endearing and ordinary. A mere mortal who challenges Child, she hopes that her quest will give shape and meaning to her life. But Powell is no Child.

While Powell is conventional, if ambitious, Child is playfully daring in her pursuit of food. Her chapters are sublime, like great French cuisine, and fun. Ultimately, the combination of Streep's performance and Julia Child's personality is so strong that the Powell chapters suffer.

Even the cinematography unfairly compares Powell's poorly lit walkup world to Child's gold toned sensual one. But they tend to balance each other and save us from too much of the other.

The sensuality of food themed films can be strong stuff, as it is here. There's a lot to chew on here and it's pretty tasty.

• For Julie and Julia trailers, screen times and photos, or to buy tickets, visit metronews.ca/movies

Getaway B movie with A-grade thrills

A Perfect **Getaway**

Director: David Twohy
Stars: Steve Zahn, Timothy Oliphant, Milla Jovovich
Classification: STC
Rating: ●●●½

PHIL BROWN
for Metro Canada

Milla Jovovich goes for the kill in A Perfect Getaway.

REVIEW Make no mistake, A Perfect Getaway is a B movie. It's a simple thriller designed to get the heart pumping before gently vanishing from memory as soon as the end credits roll.

However, it's also an uncommonly good one. Director David Twohy (Pitch Black) clearly loves the genre and while he honours his end of the bargain by providing plenty of suspense, twists, and a liberal dose of bloody mayhem, there's also a layer of clever self-consciousness running through the film to tickle your brain as well.

Steve Zahn and Mila Jovovich star as an irritatingly perky couple enjoying a tropical honeymoon. Of course that joy quickly transitions into fear when they learn that there is a crazy couple somewhere on the island killing newlyweds.

As always happens in these sorts of movies, they are determined not to let the psychopathic killers ruin their good time and head out on their vacation anyway.

They soon find themselves being pursued by a creepy pair of hippies and a Southern war vet (the underrated Timothy Olyphant from HBO's Deadwood) and his tough, but movie-beautiful better half. One of those pairs have got to be the killers, right?

It's all fairly standard stuff, but writer/director David Twohy fully embraces the type of movie he's making and plays with the clichés well. He makes Zahn's character a screenwriter to allow for flippant gags about mystery story structure and red herrings, and the film builds towards an inevitable twist ending that works much better than it should.

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Segel's new adventure
Jason Segel will be joining Jonah Hill and Jason Schwartzman for The Adventurer's Handbook for director Akiva Schaffer. The actor is attached to the film, based on the book by Mick Conefrey. EW.COM

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Double trouble

Copley both alien and human in District 9

MONICA WEYMOUTH
for Metro Canada

Sharlto Copley still blushes a bit when referred to as an "actor." Which is almost understandable — District 9 is, after all, his first feature-length film in front of the camera.

But he seems to forget that he plays the lead role, an ad-libbed role that actually requires two distinct characters (and sets of DNA).

For part one of the sci-fi film he's Wikus Van De Merwe, a frighteningly unqualified government official charged with relocating South Africa's unruly population of extraterrestrials. But after a little mishap leaves Wikus with alien genes, Copley switches seamlessly into a full-on, ray gun-wielding action star — complete with a lobster-like E.T. arm.

"I like the guy in the beginning," says Copley with a quick laugh of his duel roles. "It was interesting, because when we started the movie I definitely had a handle of what the nerdy guy was going to be like — this bureaucrat, this guy who's sort of insecure trying to act like he's always in control of things."

Not that he wasn't prepared for Wikus 2.0 — mild-mannered and thoughtful off the job, Copley is an intense, believable badass on screen.

"It was a real exploration as all his beliefs and all his values are challenged; his family, his support structure goes," he says of developing his increasingly less-human character. "He's just left with sort of more of his raw essence that was hiding under all of that stuff."

But for all of its action sequences, District 9 can't simply be written off as a summer blockbuster. After an opening scene vaguely reminiscent of Independence Day, these aliens are facing persecution and rights violations in a South African slum — a situation not lost on Cape Town resident Copley.

"The science fiction I enjoy has a depth to it," he says of the genre's possibilities. "It works on both levels: It works very successfully as a popcorn movie that grabs you from the beginning and takes you on this ride, but it also creates this space for you to look at what it means to be a human being and how you treat not only other humans, but all life forms on the planet."

Director's cut

• This is actually director Neill Blomkamp's second swipe at District 9. Originally conceived as a short film, Alive in Joburg, he didn't intend for it to become feature length.

"I did the short film for fun — I guess that's why you do short films — and once it was done, I just put it away," says the South African native who now calls Vancouver home. "More than a year later, it occurred to me that it would make a good film. And right when it occurred to me, I got offered Halo, so it went away again.

Don't get too excited — Halo was shelved and doesn't look like it's happening. "For a lot of different reasons," says Blomkamp. "Creatively, I would love to make a Halo film, but I think it's come and gone."

Sharlto Copley plays a government official with alien genes in District 9.

Little context in engaging doc

Burma **VJ**
Director: Anders Ostergaard
Classification: STC
Rating: ●●½

IAN GORMELY
for Metro Canada

Burma VJ looks at a group of citizen journalists who risk their lives to report on the ongoing repression in Burma.

REVIEW Since the turn of the century (or at least since Michael Moore taught us all the power of well placed editing) documentaries have become the vehicle du jour for distributing complex political messages.

Burma VJ: Reporting From a Closed Country is a perfect example of such a film. The problem though is that as it delves into the stringent conditions placed on journalists in that country it doesn't provide the necessary context to leave an impression that will last long enough for you to look up "Burma" on Wikipedia.

The director introduces us to a journalist named Joshua who works for the Democratic Voice of Burma (DVB), a group of citizen reporters who smuggle information and video footage out of the military state to the group's headquarters in Norway where it's then broadcast back into Burma and around the world via the Internet and satellite television.

Their work became the only line of communication out of the Southeast Asian nation in 2007 when over 100 000 people, led by 1000 monks took to Rangoon's streets to protest the country's iron-fisted military dictatorship.

Without the footage these people shot with hidden handicams at great personal risk, the rest of the world would have never known about the brutal crackdown the protestors incurred on behalf of their own government.

Everything about Burma VJ begs you to stand up and take notice and not just because of the weird sci-fi soundtrack that plays throughout the film. The footage the DVB reporters captured is gripping. But Ostergaard gives us no context to better understand what we're watching.

How did the military come to power? What is the significance of the monks in Burma? Exactly where in Asia is it? These and many more questions are left unanswered. Burma VJ is an engaging documentary that frustratingly ignores the average viewer's ignorance of it's subject.

SAG may face lawsuit

Actor Seymour Cassel will take the Screen Actors Guild to federal court if they prevent him from running as an independent for the SAG presidency. EMPIREONLINE.COM

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Piven's got The Goods

Entourage star jumps into lead role in film

STEVE GOW
for Metro Canada

Jeremy Piven may finally be growing up.

Not only will the 44-year-old star of HBO's Entourage finally be making the leap to leading man in next Friday's release of The Goods: Live Hard, Sell Hard, but the role even had him reflecting on his life.

"I don't judge my character, I love him and in certain ways he's very much like me," said Piven about playing a sleazy used car salesmen. "I'm a guy who'd love to settle down, like to have a family and part of my character's journey is 'my God, what am I doing with my life?'"

The hilarious story of a rag-tag travelling auto sales rescue-squad, Piven may have empathized with his obnoxious character's aimless arc but it was the chance to headline his own Hollywood hit that really caught the actor's attention.

Jeremy Piven, right, plays a sleazy used-car salesman in The Goods.

"(Until now), the roles that were available to me in movies were as the best friend. At a certain point you go, 'Well, I don't know if I want to retread over that again,'" said Piven. "I've apprenticed the job and I would like to take the lead now … fifty movies into it."

Piven is in good hands to grab the reins too. Produced by none other than Will Ferrell and Adam McKay, The Goods embraces the brand of clever but childish humour that the duo has previously established in hits like Anchorman and Step Brothers.

"Adam and Will would never dissect their comedies," said Piven. "They happen to be really, really smart and make highly insightful comedies — both low brow and high brow — kind of a unibrow comedy if you will."

With a looming leading man career on his hands, fans may wonder whether Piven will keep with his day job as super-agent Ari Gold on Entourage. If his opinion of the show's current success is any indication, he'll surely stick around.

"This is my favourite season because, first of all, all the guys get to finally grow up," said Piven, perhaps being more introspective than he realizes. "At a certain point you have to kind of grow up."

Movie **feature**

Scott, DiCaprio off to Brave New World

SCIENCE FICTION Ridley Scott is going back to the futurism.

The Blade Runner director is joining forces with Leonardo DiCaprio to take on one of the most highly regarded dystopian works of literature, Aldous Huxley's Brave New World.

Both are producing the Universal project, which DiCaprio would tentatively star in and Scott direct. The studio has brought on Apocalypto scribe Farhad Safinia to write the script; he's expected to be working shortly.

Scott has mentioned casually in interviews that he's interested in the 1931 novel, whose film rights are owned by DiCaprio's Appian Way production company, prompting a flurry of rumours on sci-fi and other blogs over the past year.

Now, with a writer on board and production executives meeting frequently during the past six months, the project has more momentum, though several people familiar with it emphasize that it remains at the development stage.

Leonardo DiCaprio is working with director Ridley Scott to bring Aldous Huxley's novel Brave New World to film.

Much of the timing going forward will depend on the script. Scott is not committed to direct anything beyond Robin Hood, which is in post-production. DiCaprio is shooting the Christopher Nolan adventure tale Inception, but does not have a movie lined up after that. REUTERS

Reaser hottest bloodsucker
Elisabeth Reaser, who plays Esme Cullen, the female head of the vampire clan in the Twilight series, has topped Entertainment Weekly's list of the hottest TV and movie female vampires. EW.COM

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A feast-ful of films

InFocus

Richard Crouse

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The Food Network has a corner on small screen cuisine. Bobby Flay and Paula Dean simmer, sauté and sizzle twenty-four hours a day, bringing restaurant style cooking to the home chef.

Food plays a role on the big screen as well. Who could forget The Godfather's "leave the gun, take the cannoli" scene or Annie Hall's clumsy attempt to cook a lobster? But there's food in movies and then there's movies — like this weekend's Julie & Julia — that make you want to eat something more delicious than a bucket of buttery popcorn from the concession stand.

Jane Austen was on to something when she wrote, "Good apple pies are a considerable part of our domestic happiness." Everybody loves pie and never have baked goods been as appetizing as they are in Waitress, the last film from director Adrienne Shelly.

Keri Russell plays Jenna, a world weary, pregnant waitress in the Deep South.

She's also a "pie genius" with a knack for creating imaginative pastries. Mix in a handsome stranger, some gorgeous shots of the pies and you have all the fixin's for a mouth watering romantic comedy.

On the more savoury side is Tampopo, a film advertised as "the first Japanese noodle western."

In short (its plot splinters into many directions) the movie is about Tampopo (Nobuko Miyamoto) a widowed noodle chef, who, along with truck driver Goro (Tsutomu Yamazaki) searches for noodle perfection.

"One critic said the (Big Night's) food photography 'is so good it's hard to resist the temptation to reach into the screen and grab a mouthful.'"

Many films, like Babette's Feast and Like Water for Chocolate, feature food as a metaphoric central theme but none are as loving or as loopy as the singular vision of Tampopo.

The greatest food movie of all time, however, stars Stanley Tucci and Tony Shalhoub as brothers and failing restaurateurs who pin their hopes of success on one special customer who will get them the notice they so deserve.

Big Night is pitch perfect from its portrayal of kitchen life to the very real relationship between the two brothers, but it is the presentation of the food that is so appetizing.

One critic said the movie's food photography "is so good it's hard to resist the temptation to reach into the screen and grab a mouthful." Amen to that. One glimpse of the movie's amazing Timpano di Maccheroni al Ragu and you'll want to run, not walk to the closest Italian restaurant.

To paraphrase the legendary chef Julia Child (played by Meryl Streep in Julie& Julia), "Bon appetit and happy movie watching!"

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A scene from Babette's Feast.

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'Julie & Julia'! You will have a fabulous time!"
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Meryl Streep Amy Adams

Written for the Screen and Directed by Nora Ephron

Julie & Julia

Based on Two True Stories

COLUMBIA PICTURES presents an EASY THERE TIGER/AMY ROBINSON production a LAURENCE MARK production a film by NORA EPHRON "JULIE & JULIA" STANLEY TUCCI CHRIS MESSINA LINDA EMOND music by ALEXANDRE DESPLAT costume designer ANN ROTH editor RICHARD MARKS, A.C.E. production designer MARK RICKER director of photography STEPHEN GOLDBLATT, ASC, BSC executive producers SCOTT RUDIN DONALD J. LEE, JR. DANA STEVENS based on the books "JULIE & JULIA" by JULIE POWELL and "MY LIFE IN FRANCE" by JULIA CHILD with ALEX PROUD'HOMME screenplay by NORA EPHRON produced by LAURENCE MARK NORA EPHRON AMY ROBINSON ERIC STEEL directed by NORA EPHRON

PG COARSE LANGUAGE

JulieAndJulia.ca Read the Back Bay and Anchor Books

Starts Today Check Theatre Directory or SonyPicturesReleasing.ca for Locations and Showtimes

Screen Times

This week's new releases are highlighted in pink.

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VANCOUVER

OMNIMAX THEATRE SCIENCE WORLD
1455 Quebec St., 604-443-7443

Adrenaline (STC) Fri-Thu 12-2-4
Adrenaline Rush: The Science of Risk (STC) Fri-Sat
Beavers (STC) Fri-Thu 11-5
Roving Mars (G) Fri-Thu 3 Fri 7:30
Van Gogh: Brush With Genius (STC) Sat 7:30

CN IMAX THEATRE
201-999 Canada Place, 604-682-4629

Alaska: Spirit of the Wild (G) Fri-Thu 6
Grand Canyon Adventure: River at Risk in 3D (G) Fri-Thu 12-2-4
Star Trek: The IMAX Experience (PG) Fri-Thu 9
Under the Sea 3D (G) Fri-Thu 1-3-5-7

DUNBAR THEATRE
4555 Dunbar Street, 604-222-2991

G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra (14A) Fri 3:45-7-9:45 Sat-Sun 1-3:45-7-9:45 Mon-Thu 3:45-7-9:45

FIFTH AVENUE CINEMAS
2110 Burrard Street, 604-734-7469

(500) Days of Summer (PG) Fri-Thu 1:10-3:15-5:20-7:30-9:35
Fifty Dead Men Walking (14A) Fri-Tue 1:20-4:10-7:20-9:55 Wed 1:20-4:10-9:55 Thu 1:20-4:10-7:20-9:55
Funny People (18A) Fri-Thu 1-4-7:10
Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince (PG) Fri-Tue 12:50-3:50-6:50-9:50 Wed-Thu 12:50-3:50-9:50
Julie & Julia (PG) Fri-Thu 1:30-4:20-7:10-9:45

GRANVILLE
855 Granville St., 604-684-4000

Orphan (14A) Fri 3:45-7-9:40 Sat-Sun 1:05-3:45-7-9:40 Mon-Thu 3:45-7-9:40
The Proposal (PG) Fri 4-7:10-9:50 Sat-Sun 1:30-4-7:10-9:50 Mon-Thu 4-7:10-9:50
Rocksteady: The Roots of Reggae (G) Fri 3:50-6:55-9:25 Sat-Sun 1:25-3:50-6:55-9:25 Mon-Thu 3:50-6:55-9:25
Star Trek (PG) Fri 4:05-6:50-9:35 Sat-Sun 1:20-4:05-6:50-9:35 Mon-Wed 4:05-6:50-9:35 Thu
The Stoning of Soraya M. (14A) Fri 3:55-7:05-9:45 Sat-Sun 1:15-3:55-7:05-9:45 Mon-Thu 3:55-7:05-9:45
Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen (14A) Fri 4:10-8 Sat-Sun 1-4:10-8 Mon-Thu 4:10-8
Valentino: The Last Emperor (G) Fri 4:15-7:15-9:30 Sat-Sun 1:10-4:15-7:15-9:30 Mon-Thu 4:15-7:15-9:30

HOLLYWOOD THEATRE
3123 W. Broadway, 604-738-321

Angels & Demons (14A) Fri 7:30 Sat-Sun 1:30-7:30 Mon-Thu 7:30
Obsessed (PG) Fri 9:55 Sat-Sun 3:55-9:55 Mon-Thu 9:55

OAKRIDGE
650 West 41st Ave., 604-263-1944

G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra (14A) Dolby Stereo Digital, No Passes Fri 3:30-7:10 Dolby Stereo Digital, No Passes Sat-Sun 12:30-3:30-7:10 Dolby Stereo Digital, No Passes Mon-Thu 3:30-7:10
Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince (PG) DTS Digital Fri 3:15-6:30-9:45 DTS Digital Sat-Sun 12:3:15-6:30-9:45 DTS Digital Mon-Thu 3:15-6:30-9:45
The Ugly Truth (14A) DTS Digital Fri 3:45-6:45-9:30 DTS Digital Sat-Sun 12:15-3:45-6:45-9:30 DTS Digital Mon-Thu 3:45-6:45-9:30

PACIFIC CINÉMATHÈQUE
1131 Howe Street, 604-688-3456

The Big Clock (STC) Wed 7:30 Thu 9:20
The Big Sleep (STC) Fri 7:15
The Blue Dahlia (STC) Sun 7:30 Wed 9:20
The Dark Corner (STC) Sat 7:15 Sun 9:25
The Killers (STC) Sat 9:10
Leave Her to Heaven (STC) Fri 9:25 Sat 5 Mon 7:15
The Neverending Story (STC) Sun 1
Nightmare Alley (STC) Thu 7:15

PARK THEATRE
3440 Cambie Street, 604-876-2747

G-Force in Disney Digital 3D (G) Fri 3-5-7-9 Sat-Sun 1-3-5-7-9 Mon-Thu 3-5-7-9

RIDGE THEATRE
3131 Arbutus Street, 604-738-6311

Pour elle (14A) Fri 4-7-9 Sat-Sun 2-4-7-9 Mon-Thu 4-7-9

RIO ON BROADWAY
1660 E. Broadway, 604-878-Film

Dazed and Confused (STC) Fri 12
Fast Times at Ridgemont High (STC) Fri
The Ugly Truth (14A) Fri 7:15-9:35 Sat-Sun 4:30-7:15-9:35 Mon-Thu 7:15-9:35

SCOTIABANK THEATRE VANCOUVER
900 Burrard St., 604-630-1407

Funny People (18A) Fri-Thu 12:12:40-3:15-4-6:30-7:20-10:10-10:40
G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra (14A) Fri-Thu 12:20-3:20-6:50-10 Fri-Thu 1:10-4:20-7:30-10:45
Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince (PG) No Passes Fri-Wed 11:50-3:30-7-10:30 Thu 11:50-3:30-7-10:30
Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs (G) Fri-Sun 12:15-2:50-6:45-9:30 Mon 12:15-2:50-9:30 Tue 12:15-2:50-6:45-9:30 Wed-Thu 12:15-2:50-9:30
Julie & Julia (PG) Fri-Thu 12:10-3:10-6:40-9:40 Fri-Thu 12:50-3:50-7:10-10:20
Metropolitan Opera: The Barber of Seville (STC) Sat 10
Up in Disney Digital 3D (G) Fri-Thu 1:30-4:10-7:15-9:50

TINSELTOWN
International Village, 88 West Pender, 3rd floor, 604-806-0799

(500) Days of Summer (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:35-1:35-2:55-3:55-5:10-6:20-7:30-8:40-9:50
Aliens in the Attic (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 12-2:15-4:55-7:05
Brüno (18A) Fri-Thu 9:20
G-Force in Disney Digital 3D (G) Fri-Thu 12:20-2:30-4:40-7-9:15
The Hangover (18A) Fri-Thu 12:10-2:35-5:20-7:50-10:25
The Hurt Locker (14A) Fri-Sun 1-4:15-7:15-10:20 Mon 1-4:15-10:20 Tue-Thu 1-4:15-7:15-10:20
Moon (PG) Fri-Sun 12:05-2:25-4:45-7:10-9:35 Mon 12:05-2:25-4:45-9:35 Tue 12:05-2:25-4:45-7:10-9:35 Wed 12:05-2:25-4:45-9:35 Thu 12:05-2:25-4:45-7:10-9:35
A Perfect Getaway (14A) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:15-2:45-5:05-7:35-10
Public Enemies (14A) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:40-3:45-6:50-9:55
Soul Power (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:25-2:40-5-7:20-9:40
Thirst (18A) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:45-4:20-7:25-10:30
The Ugly Truth (14A) Fri-Thu 12:30-2:50-5:15-7:45-10:10

VANCITY THEATRE
Vancouver International Film Centre
1181 Seymour St., 604-683-Film

Apparition of the Eternal Church (STC) Sun 7
Be Here to Love Me: A Film About Townes Van Zandt (STC) Sun 3:45
Gimme Shelter (STC) Thu 9
Glen Gould on Film (STC) Sun 8
Leonard Cohen: I'm Your Man (G) Sun 2
Neil Young: Heart of Gold (G) Tue 8:30
Les Plages d'Agnès (STC) Fri 8:15 Sat 6:30
Shine a Light (PG) Thu 6:30
Stop Making Sense (STC) Mon 8:15 Wed 8:15
True Stories (STC) Mon 6:30 Wed 6:30
The Umbrellas of Cherbourg (STC) Fri 6:30 Sat-Sun 8:30

VAN EAST CINEMA
2290 Commercial Drive, 604-251-1313
vaneast.com

Funny People (18A) Fri 6:30-9:20 Sat-Sun 3:40-6:30-9:20 Mon-Thu 6:30-9:20

NORTH SHORE

ESPLANADE 6
200 West Esplanade, 604-983-2762

G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra (14A) No Passes Fri-Thu 1:20-4:6:50-9:40 No Passes Fri-Thu 1:50-4:30-7:20-10
The Hangover (18A) Fri-Thu 9:30
Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince (PG) Fri-Thu 3:15-6:30-9:35
Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs (G) Fri-Thu 2-4:10-6:40
Julie & Julia (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 1:30-4:15-7:05-9:45
A Perfect Getaway (14A) Fri-Thu 2:10-4:40-7:30-9:50

PARK & TILFORD
333 Brooksbank Ave., 604-985-3911

(500) Days of Summer (PG) Fri-Wed 12:50-3:5:20-7:30-10 Thu 3-5:20-7:30-10 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1
Aliens in the Attic (PG) Fri-Thu 12:40-2:40-5-7:10-9:30
Funny People (18A) Fri-Thu 12-3:10-6:30-9:40
G-Force in Disney Digital 3D (G) Fri-Thu 12:10-2:30-4:50-7-9:20
Public Enemies (14A) Fri-Thu 12:30-3:20-6:40-9:35
The Ugly Truth (14A) Fri-Thu 12:20-2:50-5:10-7:20-9:50

RICHMOND

RICHMOND CENTRE 6
6551 #3 Road, 604-273-7173

Funny People (18A) Fri 3:35-6:50-9:55 Sat-Sun 12:25-3:35-6:50-9:55 Mon-Thu 3:35-6:50-9:55
G-Force (G) Fri 4:45-7:05-9:30 Sat-Sun 12:20-2:30-4:45-7:05-9:30 Mon-Thu 4:45-7:05-9:30
G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra (14A) Fri 3:45-7:10-9:50 Sat-Sun 12:30-3:45-7:10-9:50 Mon-Thu 3:45-7:10-9:50
Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince (PG) No Passes Fri 3:30-6:45-10 No Passes Sat-Sun 12:15-3:30-6:45-10 No Passes Mon-Wed 3:30-6:45-10 Thu 3:30-6:45-10
Julie & Julia (PG) Fri 3:40-7-9:45 Sat-Sun 12:35-3:40-7-9:45 Mon-Thu 3:40-7-9:45
The Ugly Truth (14A) Fri 3:50-7:15-9:40 Sat-Sun 12:40-3:50-7:15-9:40 Mon-Thu 3:50-7:15-9:40

SILVERCITY RIVERPORT
14211 Entertainment Way, 604-272-7280

Aliens in the Attic (PG) Fri-Thu 12:45-4:05-6:40-9:25
Funny People (18A) Fri-Wed 1-4:15-7:50 Thu 4:15-7:50 Fri-Thu 11:30-3:15-7-10:35 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1
G-Force (G) Fri-Thu 1:05-4
G-Force in Disney Digital 3D (G) Fri-Thu 11:30-2-4:30-7-9:30
G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra (14A) Fri-Thu 12:30-1:30-3:30-4:20-7:15-7:45-10:15-10:40
The Hangover (18A) Fri-Thu 12:25-4:10-7:10-9:50
Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince (PG) No Passes Fri-Wed 12:15-3:45-7:05-10:30 Thu 12:15-3:45-7:05-10:30
Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince: The IMAX Experience (PG) No Passes Fri-Wed 11:45-3:15-6:45-10:15 Thu 11:45-3:15-6:45-10:15
The Hurt Locker (14A) Fri-Thu 11:50-3:05-6:30-9:35
Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs 3D (G) Fri-Thu 11:45-2:15-4:40-7:25-10:05
Julie & Julia (PG) Fri-Thu 1:10-4:05-7:25-10:25
Love Aaj Kal (Hindi w/e.s.t.) (PG) Fri-Thu 11:40-3-6:55-10:05
Metropolitan Opera: The Barber of Seville (STC) Sat 10
Orphan (14A) Fri-Thu 3:35-6:55-9:55
A Perfect Getaway (14A) Fri-Thu 1-3:35-7:30-10:45
The Proposal (PG) Fri-Thu 6:45-9:40
Public Enemies (14A) Fri-Thu 12:20-3:40-7:20-10:40
Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen (14A) Fri-Thu 11:55-3:20-6:50-10:25
The Ugly Truth (14A) Fri-Thu 12:40-3:50-7:15-10:20
Up (G) Fri-Thu 1

BURNABY

DOLPHIN CINEMAS
4555 E. Hastings St., 604-293-0332

G-Force (G) Fri-Thu 1:30-3:15-5-7-9
G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra (14A) Fri-Thu 2-4:30-7-9:30

SILVERCITY METROPOLIS
4700 Kingsway Ave., 604-435-7474

Funny People (18A) Fri-Thu 11:50-3:05-6:55-10:35
G-Force in Disney Digital 3D (G) Fri-Thu 12-2:25-4:45-7:25-9:55
G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra (14A) Fri-Tue 12:30-3:30-7:30-10:30 Wed 12:30-3:30-10:30 Thu 12:30-3:30-7:30-10:30 Fri-Thu 12-3-7-10
Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince (PG) No Passes Fri-Wed 11:55-3:40-7:05-10:35 Thu 11:55-3:40-7:05-10:35
Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs 3D (G) Fri-Thu 12:30-2:50-5:15-7:45-10:20
Julie & Julia (PG) Fri-Thu 12:40-3:45-7:05-10:20
A Perfect Getaway (14A) Fri-Thu 12:15-2:40-5:05-7:40-10:10
Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen (14A) Fri-Tue 11:50-3:05-6:45-10 Wed 11:50-3:05-10 Thu 11:50-3:05-6:45-10
The Ugly Truth (14A) Fri-Thu 12:10-3:20-6:40-9:45

STATION SQUARE
220-6200 McKay Ave., 604-434-7711

Aliens in the Attic (PG) Fri 3:35-5:35-7:35-9:35 Sat-Sun 1:35-3:35-5:35-7:35-9:35 Mon-Thu 3:35-5:35-7:35-9:35
Brüno (18A) Fri 5-7:30-10 Sat-Sun 2:30-5-7:30-10 Mon-Thu 5-7:30-10
The Hangover (18A) Fri 4:35-7:20-9:55 Sat-Sun 1:55-4:35-7:20-9:55 Mon-Thu 4:35-7:20-9:55
Orphan (14A) Fri 4:10-7:10-9:40 Sat-Sun 1:20-4:10-7:10-9:40 Mon-Thu 4:10-7:10-9:40
The Proposal (PG) Fri 4:45-7:25-9:55 Sat-Sun 1:45-4:45-7:25-9:55 Mon-Thu 4:45-7:25-9:55
Public Enemies (14A) Fri 4:15-7:05-9:45 Sat-Sun 1:25-4:15-7:05-9:45 Mon-Thu 4:15-7:05-9:45
Up (G) Fri 3:40-5:45-7:50-9:50 Sat-Sun 1:30-3:40-5:45-7:50-9:50 Mon-Thu 3:40-5:45-7:50-9:50

NEW WEST/ COQUITLAM

SILVERCITY COQUITLAM
170 Schoolhouse Street, 604-523-2911

(500) Days of Summer (PG) Fri-Thu 12:40-3:40-6:55-9:30
Aliens in the Attic (PG) Fri-Thu 12:05-2:30-5-7:30-9:45
Fifty Dead Men Walking (14A) Fri-Thu 12:3:05-7:10-10:05
Funny People (18A) Fri-Mon 12:20-1:15-3:55-4:30-7:15-8-10:35 Tue 12:20-1:15-3:55-4:30-7:15-10:35 Wed 12:20-3:55-4:30-7:15-8-10:35 Thu 12:20-1:15-3:55-4:30-7:15-8-10:35 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1
G-Force (G) Fri-Thu 1:20-4:25
G-Force in Disney Digital 3D (G) Fri-Thu 11:50-2:15-4:30-7-9:45
G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra (14A) Fri-Thu 12:15-12:50-3:15-4:20-7:7:40-10-10:40
The Hangover (18A) Fri-Thu 4:05-7:05-9:55
Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince (PG) No Passes Fri-Wed 12:10-1:10-3:35-5:7:10-9:15-10:30 Thu 12:10-1:10-3:35-5:7:10-9:15-10:30
The Hurt Locker (14A) Fri-Thu 1:05-4:15-7:20-10:45
Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs 3D (G) Fri-Thu 11:55-2:25-4:45-7:25-9:50
Julie & Julia (PG) Fri-Thu 12:25-3:50-7:15-10:20
Orphan (14A) Fri-Thu 7:50-10:40
A Perfect Getaway (14A) Fri-Thu 12:55-4:30-7:55-10:30
The Proposal (PG) Fri-Mon 12:30-3:20-6:50-9:50 Tue 12:30-6:50-9:50 Wed-Thu 12:30-3:20-6:50-9:50
Public Enemies (14A) Fri-Mon 11:55-3:30-7:35-10:45 Tue 11:55-3:30-10:45 Wed-Thu 11:55-3:30-7:35-10:45
Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen (14A) Fri-Sun 11:45-3:10-6:45-10:10 Mon 11:45-3:10-10:10 Tue-Thu 11:45-3:10-6:45-10:10
The Ugly Truth (14A) Fri-Thu 1-4:40-7:30-10:10
Up (G) Fri-Thu 12:45

SURREY/WHITE ROCK/LANGLEY

CLOVA
5732-176th St., Surrey, 604-541-9527

Away We Go (14A) Fri-Thu 9:50
Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince (PG) Fri-Thu 1:30-7

HOLLYWOOD 3 CINEMA
7125-138th Street, Surrey, 604-592-4441

The Hangover (18A) Fri-Thu 7:15-9:15
Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs (G) Fri-Thu 12:45-2:45-4:45-6:40
My Sister's Keeper (PG) Fri-Thu 8:30
Night at the Museum: Battle of the Smithsonian (PG) Fri-Thu 12:15-2:30
Public Enemies (14A) Fri-Thu 8:30
Star Trek (PG) Fri-Thu 4:45
Up (G) Fri-Thu 12-2:15-4:30-6:30

STRAWBERRY HILL GRANDE
12161-72nd Ave, Surrey, 604-501-9400

Aliens in the Attic (PG) Fri-Thu 12:15-2:35-4:50-7:35-9:45
Funny People (18A) Fri-Tue 12:05-3:30-6:55-10:05 Wed 3:55-6:55-10:05 Thu 12:05-3:30-6:55-10:05 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1
G-Force in Disney Digital 3D (G) Fri-Thu 12-2:25-4:45-7:10-9:30
G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra (14A) Fri-Thu 12:30-1:3:50-4:20-7:7:30-9:55-10:30
Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince (PG) No Passes Fri-Wed 12:10-3:45-7:05-10:25 Thu 12:10-3:45-7:05-10:25
Julie & Julia (PG) Fri-Thu 12:45-4:7:20-10:15
Love Aaj Kal (Hindi w/e.s.t.) (PG) Fri-Thu 12:25-12:50-3:35-4:05-6:45-7:15-9:40-10:20
Orphan (14A) Fri-Thu 12:35-6:50
A Perfect Getaway (14A) Fri-Thu 12:20-3:40-7:40-10:10
Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen (14A) Fri-Thu 3:25-10
The Ugly Truth (14A) Fri-Thu 12:40-4:10-7:25-9:50

STUDIO 12 GUILDFORD
15051-101st Ave, Surrey, 604-581-1176

Aliens in the Attic (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1-3:35-6:45-9:35
District 9 (18A) No Passes, Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Thu 12 (midnight)
Funny People (18A) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 12:30-3:45-7-10:15
G-Force in Disney Digital 3D (G) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 12:35-3:20-7:30-9:50
G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra (14A) Stadium Seating, Dolby Stereo Digital, No Passes Fri-Thu 12:45-3:40-7:45-10:20 Stadium Seating, Dolby Stereo Digital, No Passes Fri-Sat 12:10-3:05-6:50-9:40-12 Stadium Seating, Dolby Stereo Digital, No Passes Sun-Thu 12:10-3:05-6:50-9:40
Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 12:20-3:50-7:10-10:30
Julie & Julia (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating, No Passes Fri-Thu 12:55-4:05-7:25-10:10
Love Aaj Kal (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 12:15-3:15-6:55-9:55
Orphan (14A) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 12:25-3:30-7:05-10:05
A Perfect Getaway (14A) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Sat 12:50-3:55-7:40-9:55-12 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Sun-Thu 12:50-3:55-7:40-9:55
The Proposal (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital Fri-Thu 1:05-4-7:35-10:25
Pulp Fiction (STC) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Sat 12
The Ugly Truth (14A) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 12:40-3:10-7:20-9:45

RIALTO
1732-152nd Street, White Rock, 604-541-9527, criterionheatres.com

Julie & Julia (PG) No Passes Fri 7-9:20 No Passes Sat-Sun 2-7-9:20 No Passes Mon-Thu 7-9:20
The Ugly Truth (14A) Fri 7:10-9 Sat-Sun 2:10-7:10-9 Mon-Thu 7:10-9

CRITERION 4 WHITE ROCK
2381 King George Highway, 604-531-7456, criteriontheatres.com

Funny People (18A) No Passes Fri-Thu 2:10-7-9:45
G-Force (G) Fri-Thu 2:20-7:15-9
G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra (14A) No Passes Fri-Thu 2:30-7:30-9:40
Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince (PG) Fri-Thu 2-6:30-9:20

COLOSSUS LANGLEY
20090-91A Ave, Langley, 604-513-8747

(500) Days of Summer (PG) Fri-Tue 12:15-3-6:50-9:30 Wed 12:15-6:50-9:30 Thu 12:15-3-6:50-9:30 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 3
Aliens in the Attic (PG) Fri-Thu 11:45-2:10-4:25-6:45-9:20
Funny People (18A) Fri-Thu 1-5-9 Fri-Thu 11:50-3:15-7:10:25
G-Force (G) Fri-Thu 1:05-3:40
G-Force in Disney Digital 3D (G) Fri-Thu 12:05-2:30-4:55-7:20-9:45
G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra (14A) Fri-Thu 12:05-12:45-3:05-4-6:50-7:30-10-10:30
The Hangover (18A) Fri-Thu 12:50-4:05-7:10-9:50
Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince (PG) No Passes Fri-Wed 12-3:30-7-10:30 Thu 12-3:30-7-10:30
Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince: The IMAX Experience (PG) No Passes Fri-Wed 11:45-3:15-6:45-10:15 Thu 11:45-3:15-6:45-10:15
The Hurt Locker (14A) Fri-Thu 12:15-3:25-6:55-10:20
Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs 3D (G) Fri-Thu 11:45-2:15-4:45-7:25-10:05
Julie & Julia (PG) Fri-Thu 12:20-3:35-7:15-10:20
Orphan (14A) Fri-Thu 7:05-10:15
A Perfect Getaway (14A) Fri-Thu 12:35-3:45-7:35-10:15
The Proposal (PG) Fri-Thu 3:50-6:55-9:40
Public Enemies (14A) Fri-Thu 11:55-3:10-6:40-10:10
Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen (14A) Fri-Thu 11:55-3:20-6:40-9:55
The Ugly Truth (14A) Fri-Thu 12:25-3:20-7:10-10:10
Up (G) Fri-Thu 12:10

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Drag Me to Hell (14A) A.M. Fri-Sat 1:45
G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra (14A) Fri-Thu 9
Public Enemies (14A) Fri-Thu 11:15

Billboard's top pop albums
1. Loso's Way Soundtrack, Fabolous, right; **2.** Leave This Town, Daughtry; **3.** BLACKsummers'night, Maxwell; **4.** NOW 31, Various Artists; **5.** The E.N.D., The Black Eyed Peas. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Music

Amos attracted to sin

Singer-songwriter redefines the definition of power

BRIAN COULTON
for Metro Canada

In a traditional understanding of power, Tori Amos says there are two kinds of people: Those with authority, and those with money.

"But that doesn't mean that's the kind of power that I'm attracted to," says the famed feminist American singer-songwriter, now London-based.

Though she says it took her many years to reach the realization the ability to earn and exert control over another doesn't posit power, Amos explores her redefinition on her latest album, Abnormally Attracted to Sin.

"Abnormal," in this sense, refers not to Amos' escalated inclination toward sin, but how her attraction is uncharacteristic as a result of the discovery that sin need not be defined by the power structures that have historically deemed incompatible sexuality and spirituality.

"Those are almost words sort of like ketchup and mustard," she says, "Let's take it to erotica."

The difficulty of integrating erotica into their lives is a constant recurring theme Amos says she's noticed in women from cultures around the world as she travels more and listens to their stories.

"They have a hard time equating anything in their life with the concept of what would be an aphrodisiac," she says, "I'm not saying they don't find (pleasure) in their life, but they just feel as if this raw passion cannot be accessed if you're going to walk a spiritual path or step into some kind of motherhood."

UNIVERSAL MUSIC PHOTO

Abnormally Attracted to Sin is the latest album from Tori Amos.

Such submission to the power of a spiritual authority is but a microcosm of the greater social effects of power Amos sees, which she says are shattering due to the shifting of power's popular notions.

"If it goes in change, then there are going to be a lot of unsuccessful people around the world because, for such a long time, it's been if you're a provider or what you can manifest as far as the physical world goes — being able to get a property and get a job and all that type of stuff," she says, "There are a lot of people who are losing all kinds of things, like their jobs."

"Those kinds of people, with the ability to survive turbulent times ... that's power."
Tori Amos

But it's amidst significant loss that Amos has found what the real definition of power is. And measured by her own interpretation, it's an ability she's long possessed — Creation.

"I've seen people who are able to create out of destruction. They're able to survive in a world when everything is changing," she says. "Those kinds of people, with the ability to survive turbulent times ... that's power."

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Depeche Mode has sold more than 100 million albums.

Depeche Mode bounces back

SoundCheck
Alan Cross
metronews.ca/soundcheck

The most startling stat anyone can tell you about Depeche Mode is this: Since the group's inception in 1980, they have sold 100,000,000 records. One. Hundred. Million.

Through 14 studio albums, several live records and unaccountable remixes, Depeche Mode has survived catastrophes that would have destroyed lesser bands. Granted, these catastrophes happen on average every 13 to 15 years, But when they hit, things get awfully weird.

The first crisis came after Depeche Mode's first tour when chief songwriter, Vince Clarke, decided to quit. The second tsunami surrounded the Songs of Faith and Devotion tour in 1993-94 that involved (a) grand mal seizures; (b) nervous breakdowns; (c) the departure of keyboardist/programmer, Alan Wilder; and (d) the clinical death and long rehab of singer Dave Gahan.

Gahan figured in the most recent crises, too, although he can hardly be faulted for anything. A suspected case of food poisoning picked up around his 47th birthday in early May turned out to be a malignant tumour on his bladder. The tour had just re-started when Dave suffered a torn calf muscle that was initially mistaken for a twisted ankle. More cancelled shows.

Yet here we were, backstage in Toronto at the first show of the North American leg of the Sounds of the Universe tour. I got Martin Gore and Andrew Fletcher at halftime of an intense game of foosball to talk about everything that's happened. "To be honest," says Fletcher, "this has been most strange since this has been our most successful tour. And also calamitous at the same time."

"It's also ironic because we're in a better state than we've ever been for any tour," adds Gore. "As a band, we were more prepared, physically fitter and two shows in, we had to take a three-week break."

"Dave has taken these knocks in a really great way," says Fletcher, "But he's very competitive. He's really been performing like he's never performed. Now we're hoping for a nice run of normal gigs."

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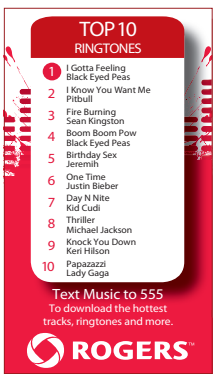

Beastie Boys' MCA recovering

PEOPLE Beastie Boys member Adam "MCA" Yauch, recently diagnosed with cancer, is "rapidly recovering" from surgery, and is gearing up for seven weeks of radiation treatment.

Yauch, 45, announced last month that doctors had found a cancerous tumor in his left salivary gland, as well as a lymph node. The Beasties subsequently postponed the Sept. 15 release of new album, Hot Sauce Committee Part 1, and canceled all scheduled live performances.

In an email to fans, Yauch said the surgery took place about a week and a half ago, and he returned home after just one night in the hospital "to relax, have home cooked food and hang out with the family."

Yauch said he's also been avoiding pain medications that would slow his healing, and is now preparing to start radiation treatment in a few weeks. REUTERS

Director, writer Hughes dies at 59

Film writer and director John Hughes, whose credits include The Breakfast Club, Planes, Trains and Automobiles, Home Alone and Ferris Bueller's Day Off, has died of a heart attack at age 59, his spokesman said Thursday. REUTERS

Television

Charles Manson is played by actor Adam Wilson in the new docudrama Manson.

Manson murders' 'lookout'

New docudrama focuses on family member Linda Kasabian

IAN JOHNSTON
for Metro Canada

The toughest part of making the docudrama Manson wasn't the recreating of the brutal Tate/LaBianca murders. It was locating the focus of the film — Manson family member Linda Kasabian.

Kasabian — the so-called "lookout" for the murders — had been in hiding for decades. So it took some professional detective work by the Toronto-based Cineflix to locate her. Convincing her to do the interview was another matter.

"It took months and months to track her down," says executive producer Nick Godwin. "She had vowed never to talk about it again, so we weren't sure she'd be willing to do the interview 'til days before (filming)."

But Kasabian did finally agree, traveling to Toronto for the interview.

"She was very apprehensive and nervous. In the first day, it took literally three, four hours to get her on camera," says Godwin. "As time went on, she opened up and began to trust us."

Manson premieres on The History Channel on Sunday night

Combining interviews with Kasabian, chief prosecutor Vincent Bugliosi, former family member Catharine Share and effective dramatic re-creations, Manson tells the harrowing tale of how young, single mother Kasabian came under the influence of Charles Manson (played by Adam Wilson). What started off as a refuge for the desperate Kasabian, quickly turned nightmarish.

Still, though the docudrama's sympathies are squarely with Kasabian — who never personally committed any of the murders — she's isn't let off the hook either.

"It's a difficult line to tread," says Manson director Neil Rawles. "You can't forget the real victims — those who died and their families."

The docudrama also makes a strong case for the mesmerizing quality of Charles Manson — who hobnobbed with many of the day's biggest musicians. They included Dennis Wilson of the Beach Boys, who introduced Manson to record producer Terry Melcher.

When Manson's attempt to secure a record deal fell through, the rejection seemed to propel him into madness. It's no accident that the Tate murders came at the former home of Melcher.

"I think the rejection really flicked a switch in his head," says Rawles. "He really started to believe he'd be famous — a great rock star."

FRIDAY

VA	Vu	SC	C	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
8/7/09	251	308	3	CBC	Coronatn	Jeopardy!	Air Farce	Laughs	Wild Roses (CC) (DVS)		CBC News: The National (N)		The Hour
primetime	255	358	6	JOY	E News	The Insider	Smarter Than a 5th Grader?		Maxim's Hot 100 (N) (CC)		20/20 (CC)		News
	250	321	9	CTV	Corner Gas	Hollywood	Ghost Whisperer (CC)		Castle "Little Girl Lost"		Criminal Minds (CC)		News
	252	336	11	GTV	Entertainment	ET Canada	The Unit "Hill 60" (CC)		Mental "Lines in the Sand"		NUMB3RS "Sneakerhead"		News
	256	389	12	VI	The Road to Avonlea		High Crimes ★★ (2002, Suspense) Ashley Judd. (CC)				Stargate Atlantis "Epiphany"		News (N)
	253	359	13	CITY	Law & Order: SVU		Mantracker (CC) (DVS)		Departures (CC)		Out There	Out There	The CityNews
	-	-	14	CW	Deal-No Deal	Deal-No Deal	Smallville "Turbulence"		Hates Chris	The Game	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Frasier (CC)
	289	381	15	CBS	Entertainment	The Insider	Ghost Whisperer (CC)		Flashpoint "Perfect Storm"		NUMB3RS "Sneakerhead"		News
	287	379	16	NBC	Evening Mag.	Inside Edition	Southland "Mozambique"		Dateline NBC (CC)				KING 5 News
	288	380	41	ABC	Fortune	Jeopardy!	Surviving	Goode Family	Jim	Goode Family	20/20 (CC)		News
	290	382	23	FOX	Two Men	Two Men	Smarter Than a 5th Grader?		Mental "Lines in the Sand"		News	Most Wanted	Family Guy
news	502	390	26	NW	CBC News: the fifth estate		CBC News: The National (N)		CBC News: The National		CBC News: the fifth estate		National
	500	500	33	CNN	Anderson Cooper 360 (CC)				Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper 360 (CC)		Cooper 360
sports	407	419	22	RSP	Sportsnet	MLB Baseball Tampa Bay Rays at Seattle Mariners. (Subject to Blackout)					Sportsnet Connected (Live)		Sportsnet
	400	400	30	TSN	CFL Football	CFL Football Saskatchewan Roughriders at BC Lions. (Subject to Blackout) (Live) (CC)						SportsCentre	SportsCentre
family	552	543	25	YTV	Lovewrecked (2006) Amanda Bynes, Chris Carmack. (CC)				Bandslam	Prank Patrol	Family Biz	Adrenaline	Mystery Hnt.
	555	545	30	TEL	Batman	Spider-Man	Wolverine	Justice	Futurama		Monkeybone ★ (2001) Brendan Fraser, Bridget Fonda.		
cable variety	268	354	5	KNO	No Price Too High		Poirot "Peril at End House"		A Most Mysterious Murder		The Rise and Fall of Grumpy Burger (CC)		
	575	583	20	CMT	Children of Fortune ★★ (2000, Mystery) James Brolin, Virginia Madsen.					Candid C.	Children of Fortune ★★ (2000, Mystery)		
	615	520	31	A&E	CSI: Miami "Spring Break"		Criminal Minds (CC)		CSI: Miami "Double Cap"		CSI: Miami (CC)		CSI: Miami
	521	560	24	TLC	Toddlers & Tiaras (CC)		What Not to Wear (CC)		Toddlers & Tiaras (CC)		What Not to Wear		What Not
	616	522	39	SHO	The Outer Limits (CC)		The Best Years "Notorious"		Kenny	Kenny	Trailer Park	Trailer Park	Webdreams
	294	650	57	TBS	(6:00) Runaway Bride ★★ (1999) (CC)			Sex and-City	Sex and-City		(:40) Secondhand Lions ★★★ (2003) (PA) Michael Caine.		
	603	561	32	FN	Diners	Diners	Ramsay's Kitchen		Unwrapped	Unwrapped	Bobby Flay	Dinner	Diners
	320	621	30	CEN	(6:15) Evan Almighty ★★		Nick and Norah's Infinite Playlist ★★★			Superbad ★★★ (2007) Jonah Hill, Michael Cera. (CC)			
	581	566	101	MTV	True Love	The X Effect	Cribs (CC)	Cribs (CC)	16 and Pregnant "Amber"		True Love	The X Effect	Made (CC)

SATURDAY

VA	Vu	SC	C	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
8/8/09	251	308	3	CBC	The Nature of Things (CC)		East Coast Music Awards		Da Vinci's City Hall		Intelligence "Love and War"		News
primetime	255	358	6	JOY	Out There	E News	Rich Poor	Rich Poor	Best Friends (2005) Megan Gallagher. Premiere. (CC)				News
	250	321	9	CTV	W-FIVE (CC) (DVS)		Would Be Kings (2008) (Part 1 of 2) Currie Graham.				Law & Order: SVU		News
	252	336	11	GTV	Doc "Don't Ask, Don't Tell"		Doc "Angels in Waiting"		Doc "Lost and Found"		Doc "Welcome to NY" (CC)		News Final
	256	389	12	VI	New Canoe	Island Week	The Road to Avonlea		Kool Countdown (CC)		Dirty Sexy Money (CC)		Bravo! Fact
	253	359	13	CITY	Easy Money "Bassmaster"		Murdoch Mysteries		Citizen Duane ★ (2006) Douglas Smith. (CC) (DVS)				Role
	-	-	14	CW	CSI: NY (CC)		Operation Smile		Boston Legal (CC)		CSI: NY "YoungBlood"		CSI: Miami
	289	381	15	CBS	Entertainment Tonight (N)		CSI: Miami (CC)		48 Hours Mystery "Caught in the Crossfire" (N) (CC)				News
	287	379	16	NBC	Paid Program	Inside Edition	Law & Order: Criminal Intent		Face the Ace (N) (CC)		Law & Order: SVU		KING 5 News
	288	380	41	ABC	Fortune	Jeopardy!	Finding Nemo ★★★ (2003) Voices of Albert Brooks. (CC)				Dirty Sexy Money (CC)		News
	290	382	23	FOX	Two Men	Two Men	Cops (CC)	Cops (CC)	America's Most Wanted		News	Most Wanted	MADtv (CC)
news	502	390	26	NW	Doc Zone: Fidel Castro		Sat. Report	Our World	Sat. Report	Mansbridge	Doc Zone: Fidel Castro		Sat. Report
	500	500	33	CNN	Newsroom		Campbell Brown		Larry King Live		Newsroom		Newsroom
sports	407	419	22	RSP	MLB Baseball Tampa Bay Rays at Seattle Mariners. From Safeco Field in Seattle. (Live)						Sportsnet Connected (Live)		Poker
	400	400	30	TSN	(6:30) CFL Football Winnipeg Blue Bombers at Calgary Stampeders. (CC)					SportsCentre	WEC WrekCage (CC)		SportsCentre
family	552	543	25	YTV	Prank Patrol	Prank Patrol	Survive This	Adrenaline	In Real Life "Elite Forces"		Prank Patrol	Prank Patrol	Mystery Hnt.
	555	545	30	TEL	The Bugs Bunny/Road Runner Movie ★★ (1979) (CC)				Futurama	Chicken	Clone High	Rick & Steve	Moral Orel
cable variety	268	354	5	KNO	National Geographic		Heartbeat "Hey, Hey LBJ"		Midsomer Murders "Four Funerals and a Wedding" (CC)				Jazz
	575	583	20	CMT	Reba (CC)	Reba (CC)	Brooks & Dunn: One on One		Liar Liar ★★ (1997) Jim Carrey. A fast-talking lawyer cannot tell a lie.				
	615	520	31	A&E	CSI: Miami (CC)		The Sopranos (CC)		CSI: Miami "Sunblock"		CSI: Miami (CC)		CSI: Miami
	521	560	24	TLC	Moving Up "K-9 Retreat" (N)		Jon & Kate	Jon & Kate	Ultimate Cake Off (CC)		Moving Up "K-9 Retreat"		Toddler-Tiara
	616	522	39	SHO	(6:00) XIII (2009) Val Kilmer. A man faces accusations of assassinating the president. (CC)						Snatch ★★★ (2000) Benicio Del Toro. (CC)		
	294	650	57	TBS	The Librarian: Curse of the Judas Chalice (2008) (PA) (CC)				Bill Engvall	Bill Engvall	Housesitter ★★ (1992) Steve Martin. (CC)		
	603	561	32	FN	Kitchen Nightmares (CC)		Hell's Kitchen (CC)		Challenge Candy castles.		The Next Food Network Star		Nightmares
	320	621	30	CEN	(6:25) Who's Your Caddy?		RocknRolla ★★ (2008) Gerard Butler. Premiere.				American Gangster ★★★ (2007) (CC)		
	581	566	101	MTV	Cribs (CC)	Cribs (CC)	Cribs (CC)	Cribs (CC)	Cribs (CC)	Cribs (CC)	MTV Live	MTV News	After

SUNDAY

VA	Vu	SC	C	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
8/9/09	251	308	3	CBC	Heartland "Seismic Shifts"		Iron Road (2009) (Part 1 of 2) Peter O'Toole. Premiere.				CBC News: Sunday Night (N)		News
primetime	255	358	6	JOY	Taking It Off (N) (CC)		Deal or No Deal (N) (CC)		Kendra (CC)	Behind	Favorite Child Stars: Now?		News
	250	321	9	CTV	Corner Gas	Degrassi	Cold Case (CC)		Law & Order: SVU		Defying Gravity "Threshold"		News
	252	336	11	GTV	16:9 Picture	Amer Dad	Big Brother 11 (N) (CC)		Family Guy	Amer Dad	Simpsons	Family Guy	News Final
	256	389	12	VI	Funniest Home Videos		America's Funniest Home Videos (CC)				Monk (CC)		New Canoe
	253	359	13	CITY	TO Show	Hates Chris	Be a Millionaire		Royal Pains (CC)		Crusoe (CC)		Role
	-	-	14	CW	Easy Money "Bella Roma"		Pumpkin ★★ (2002) Christina Ricci, Hank Harris. (CC)				Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Cold Case
	289	381	15	CBS	60 Minutes (CC)		Big Brother 11 (N) (CC)		Neighborhood		Cold Case (CC)		News
	287	379	16	NBC	NFL Preseason Football		Evening Mag		55 Ways to Stay Young		Dateline NBC (CC)		KING 5 News
	288	380	41	ABC	Funniest Home Videos		Be a Millionaire		Shark Tank (CC)		Defying Gravity "Threshold"		News
	290	382	23	FOX	'Til Death	Amer Dad	Simpsons	Simpsons	Family Guy	Amer Dad	News	Sports	House (CC)
news	502	390	26	NW	638 Ways to Kill Castro (CC)			Our World	CBC News: Sunday Night		638 Ways to Kill Castro (CC)		
	500	500	33	CNN	Newsroom		State of the Union		Larry King Live		State of the Union		Union
sports	407	419	22	RSP	MLB Baseball		Sportsnet Connected (Live)		UFC Top 100 Fights		Sportsnet Connected (Live)		Sportsnet
	400	400	30	TSN	NFL Preseason Football		SportsCentre (Live) (CC)		College Basketball		Billiards: WPBA		SportsCentre
family	552	543	25	YTV	(6:00) Zathura ★★★ (2005)		Bandslam	SpongeBob	In Real Life "The Circus"		Adrenaline	Survive This	Mystery Hnt.
	555	545	30	TEL	Stoked (N)	Totally Spies	6TEEN	6TEEN	Futurama	Punch (CC)	Life's a Zoo	Life's a Zoo	Rick & Steve
cable variety	268	354	5	KNO	National Geographic (CC)		Dead on Time (1992) John Thaw, Kevin Whately. (CC)				A Most Mysterious Murder		Jazz
	575	583	20	CMT	To Be Announced		Hope & Faith	Hope & Faith	Hope & Faith	Hope & Faith	Hope & Faith	Hope & Faith	Hope & Faith
	615	520	31	A&E	Animal House: The Inside Story (CC)				Simmons	Simmons	Simmons	Simmons	Animal House
	521	560	24	TLC	Conjoined Twins: Sister		My Shocking Story (CC)		Child Frozen in Time (CC)		Conjoined Twins: Sister		Shocking
	616	522	39	SHO	The Guard "Live Free"		The House Next Door (2006) Lara Flynn Boyle. (CC)				Rescue Me "Lesbos" (CC)		The Guard
	294	650	57	TBS	(:15) Last Holiday ★★ (2006, Comedy) Queen Latifah.				(:15) The Wood ★★ (1999) Omar Epps, Taye Diggs. (CC)				(:15) Set It Off
	603	561	32	FN	Dinner: Impossible		Restaurant Makeover (CC)		Get on Plate	Food	Iron Chef America (CC)		Dinner
	320	621	30	CEN	(6:20) The Bucket List ★★		Soul Men ★★ (2008) Samuel L. Jackson.				(:45) The Love Guru ★ (2008) Mike Myers.		(:15) 21 ★★
	581	566	101	MTV	Cribs (CC)	Cribs (CC)	After	MTV News	Cribs (CC)	Cribs (CC)	Cribs (CC)	Cribs (CC)	MTV News

Idol expected to still 'ad' up without Abdul

TELEVISION While her fans might be upset, advertisers don't expect Paula Abdul's exit as an American Idol judge to have any significant impact on ad sales or audience ratings for the top-rated Fox show.

"To me, that show is appointment TV, and a lot of it is driven by the contestants and how compelling they are," said Shari Cohen, executive director of Mindshare in New York, which buys TV ad time for national advertisers.

"I think the judges offer a layer of intrigue and allure, but it's really very much about how compelling are the contestants and does that draw viewers in."

Tom Weeks, senior vp and director at Starcom Entertainment in Chicago, agreed. "It will have an impact in terms of how people connect to it, but I still feel it's a juggernaut and will continue to be a top-rated show," he said.

Weeks believes Abdul must have a plan to walk away from a salary reported to be $4 million last season and an offer that Fox network insiders said was a 30 per cent increase. Abdul reportedly had sought a $20 million salary and more recently had reduced that to $12 million, still more than twice what Fox and producers Fremantle and 19 Entertainment were said to be offering.

Paula Abdul

Abdul was represented by her recently appointed manager, David Sonenberg of New York-based DAS Communications. Sonenberg had upset the network and producers late last month when he went public in an interview with the Los Angeles Times about the lack of an offer by Fox only weeks before the new season auditions were scheduled to begin. They start Friday in Denver.

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Going Out

Metro's 7th Heaven: Metro taps what's hot right now

1 Mad Men Yourself

APPLICATION Fancy yourself as a denizen of Sterling Cooper, the ad agency where all your favourite Mad Men (and Women) work and play? In the run-up to the show's third season premiere (see Mad Men star Jon Hamm pictured), AMC has added this fun little application to its website where you can create your own Mad Men avatar, with a little help from series illustrator Dyna Moe.

2 Obamas

COUPLE Barack and Michelle Obama are always hot news. Now they're cool too. America's first couple edged out many Hollywood stars to make Vanity Fair's International Best-Dressed List. The U.S. president made the list for the first time, joining his wife, who has been named twice before.

3 Julie & Julia

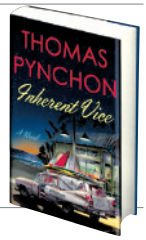
FILM Nora Ephron, the writer behind such mush classics like Sleepless in Seattle and When Harry Met Sally, cooks up another tale of love. And food. In the film, Julie Powell (Amy Adams) takes on the recipes of famed chef Julia Child (Meryl Streep) and blogs about her experiences. Perfect pick for dinner and a movie.

4 King Rat

VIDEO The late Heath Ledger channelled Terry Gilliam and Dr. Seuss in directing this video for the Modest Mouse song, available on the indie band's new album No One's First and You're Next. The clip revolves around a singing whale in charge of a ship hunting for swimming humans — reason enough to mourn the young talent all over again.

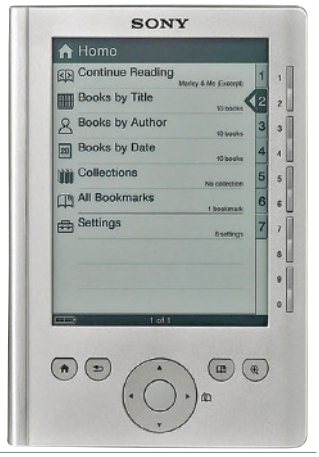
5 Inherent Vice

BOOK The reclusive American novelist Thomas Pynchon turns to '70s West Coast culture and noir fiction for his follow-up to the 992-page behemoth Against The Day (2006). The book promises to be as bizarre and byzantine as Pynchon gets.



6 Sony's Reader

GADGET The Japanese tech giant takes aim at Amazon's electronic reader Kindle with old-school arsenal — cheaper prices. The Reader Pocket Edition will retail in the U.S. for $199, about hundred dollars less than the entry-level Kindle. North of the border, where the Kindle's not yet available, the Reader will sell for $279.



7 The Class

DVD Laurent Cantet's unflinching look at 21st century education won the top prize at the Cannes film fest last year but don't ignore it for its arthouse credentials. With real students on board as actors, the French film makes for great drama by simply observing the interactions of a teacher and his street-hardened pupils through an entire school year. Consider it The Blackboard Jungle for a globalized world.

Mix of Six

Burnaby Blues and Roots Festival

When: Aug. 7-9
Where: Deer Lake Park

This three-day festival will feature Smokey Robinson, Sharon Jones & The Dap Kings.

Pink Aberration

When: Aug. 8
Where: The Bourbon

Versus the Nothing among other are performing at the Bourbon in support of a cure for breast cancer.

Abbotsford International Air Show

When: Aug. 7-9
Where: Abbotsford International Airport

Come celebrate 100 years of powered flight in Canada at the annual air show taking place this weekend.

Cultural Celebration

When: Sat., 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Where: Broughton Street

Check out this block party put on by Gordon Neighbourhood House.

Kokanee Crankworx

When: Aug. 8-16
Where: Whistler Bike Park

This mountain bike festival features competitions on freestyle, downhill and cross-country courses. Info: crankworx.com

Roller Derby

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Whirlwind month for Wahlberg
As if the intimate Beverly Hills wedding wasn't enough good news for one month, word is that Mark Wahlberg and his new wife, Rhea Durham, are expecting another child. METRO WORLD NEWS

Celebrity Buzz

Bloody shirt a clue in MJ case?

ANOTHER MYSTERY? A white, blood-stained blouse was found hanging in Michael Jackson's wardrobe, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The women's garment — which still had its $3.99 price tag attached — was not seized as evidence by police officers investigating the singer's death, despite legal experts speculating that it may have been used to mop up the singer's blood, the website adds.

Lawyer Craig Silverman — who is not involved with the investigation — said: "It's pretty extraordinary that a bloody shirt would not have been taken as evidence."

A Los Angeles police spokesperson refused to say why the garment hadn't been taken as possible evidence.

The spokesperson said: "I don't know why it wasn't taken. Our detectives aren't speaking about the investigation so we won't have an answer at the moment."

Meanwhile, Jackson's family has reportedly requested a third autopsy be carried out on the his body in order to prove foul play.

Jackson was allegedly given the surgical anesthetic Propofol by his personal physician Dr. Conrad Murray earlier in the day to help him sleep.

A source said: "(His mother) Katherine looked at the second autopsy and she wasn't happy with what it didn't reveal to her."

The Los Angeles County coroner's office has not yet ruled on the cause of death, with results currently delayed indefinitely. Police are currently investigating Dr. Conrad Murray on accusations of manslaughter. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Kate ready to speak

BREAKING HER SILENCE Get ready to hear Kate Gosselin's side of the story, usmagazine.com reports. The mother of eight is set to appear on NBC's Today show Monday, according to an advertisement on the morning show's website.

It will be the first time Gosselin has spoken since her husband Jon made headlines for dating 22-year-old Hailey Glassman just 20 days after announcing he and his wife were splitting.

Less than a week later, Jon was spotted dining with tabloid reporter Kate Major, who resigned her position over their relationship. METRO WORLD NEWS

Steven in hospital after concert fall

INJURY Aerosmith frontman Steven Tyler fell off a catwalk during a concert in South Dakota and has been hospitalized, the Associated Press reports. Though the 61-year-old quickly got up, according to concertgoers, he was taken backstage and the band announced the show was over. METRO WORLD NEWS

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Miley fan arrested again

CREEPY A Miley Cyrus fan who was recently released by Georgia officials because there was no room for him in jail has been arrested for a second time, femalefirst.co.uk is alleging.

The website reports that a 53-year-old was arrested on Tuesday on an attempted stalking charge after he was spotted loitering around the Georgia set location of the teenage superstar's new movie The Last Song.

According to TMZ.com, the man admitted he was trying to make contact with the 16-year-old when he was taken into custody, despite previously being warned by cops to stay away from the singer-actress.

The man was initially arrested by Tybee Island Police in Savannah, Georgia in June and booked on two misdemeanour charges for disorderly conduct. Police said the man had "had observed Cyrus on her balcony, that he sent her special presents and that he (claimed he) was going to marry Cyrus and even invited the (arresting) police officer to the wedding."

The man is now being held behind bars at the Columbia County Detention Center. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Posh set to join Idol?

REALITY TV SHAKEUP Victoria Beckham has reportedly signed a deal to be a guest judge on American Idol for at least two episodes, prompting speculation that the former Spice Girl is being groomed to replace the outgoing Paula Abdul on the popular show.

"Victoria is hugely flattered, as this is one of the highest profile gigs in America," a source told the Daily Mirror. "Network bosses would love to give her the job full-time and it looks like it's there for her if she wants it." METRO WORLD NEWS

K-Fed to do weight loss promo?

ODD MATCH Kevin Federline is reportedly set to sign a $2.5-million US endorsement deal for a weight-loss supplement produced by Extreme Physical Performance, radaronline.com reports.

The ex-husband of Britney Spears has been raising eyebrows with his expanding waistline and is apparently looking to drop some pounds before filming begins on his new reality TV series. METRO WORLD NEWS

Alyssa sets wedding date

GETTING HITCHED Alyssa Milano will wed her talent agent fiancé next week, according to a new report, femalefirst.co.uk says.

The Charmed actress announced her engagement to Dave Bulgari in December and now tabloid reports suggest the pair will walk down the aisle on Aug. 15 in a ceremony at a private home in New Jersey.

Milano, who has been romantically linked to baseball stars Carl Pavano, Barry Zito and Brad Penny in recent years, has been dating Bulgari since 2007. It will be her second marriage.

The actress wed Cinjun Tate in 1999 but divorced him after just 11 months. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Gay kids fine by me: Brad

OPEN-MINDED Brad Pitt says it's okay if one of his six kids turns out to be gay. "Would it bother me if a child of mine turns out to be gay? No, not one bit," Pitt told Parade magazine. "I want them to be fulfilled. I hope I teach my kids to be who they really are."

Pitt also says he stands by his and Angelina Jolie's claim that they won't marry until it's legal for everyone. "I believe everyone should have the same rights. They say gay marriage ruins families and hurts kids. Well, I've had the privilege of seeing my gay friends being parents and watching their kids grow up in a loving environment." METRO WORLD NEWS

Anna and Stephen's True Love

ENGAGEMENT True Blood co-stars and real-life lovers Anna Paquin and Stephen Moyer are engaged to be married, their reps confirmed to People.

No word yet on when the couple will tie the knot.

Paquin previously told the magazine that doing nude sex scenes is easier with someone you're already in a relationship with.

"You're not having to sort of get over the 'Wow, I'm naked with someone that I don't even know the middle name of!'" METRO WORLD NEWS

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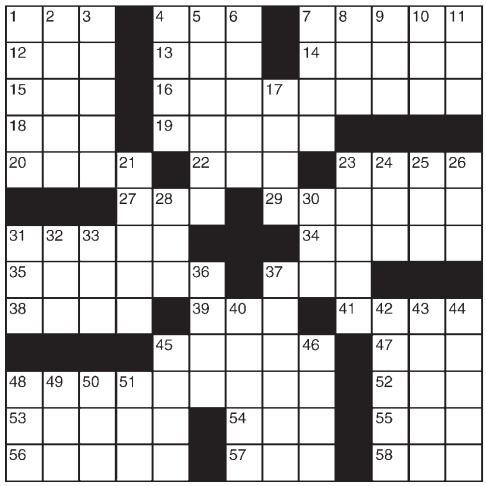

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Sudoku

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2	1	7	3	9	8	4	6	5
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Metro Recipe of the Day

Greek Pastitsio

INGREDIENTS:
6 oz (175 g) elbow macaroni
2 large eggs
1/2 cup (125 ml) cubed feta cheese or 1/3 cup (75 ml) grated Parmesan cheese
1/4 cup (50 ml) 1% milk

FOR MEAT FILLING:
12 oz (375 g) lean ground lamb or ground beef
1 large yellow onion, chopped
1 can (14 oz/298 ml) tomatoes, undrained and cut up
1 tsp (5 ml) dried oregano leaves
1/4 tsp (1 ml) ground cinnamon
1/8 tsp (0.5 ml) each salt and black pepper
2/3 cup (150 ml) grated Parmesan cheese

FOR SAUCE:
1 1/2 cups (375 ml) 1% milk
2 tbsp (25 ml) all-purpose flour
1/4 tsp (1 ml) each salt and black pepper
1/4 cup (50 ml) grated Parmesan cheese

METHOD:
1. Preheat oven to 350 F(180 C). Cook macaroni according to package directions. Drain, rinse, and drain again; transfer to warm bowl. Separate eggs. In small bowl, lightly beat yolks; set aside for sauce. Stir egg whites, feta cheese and 1/4 cup (50 ml) milk into macaroni. Set aside.
2. For meat filling: In large skillet, cook lamb and onion over moderately high heat until meat is browned. Drain off fat. Stir in tomatoes, oregano, cinnamon and 1/8 tsp (0.5 ml) each salt and pepper. Bring to boil. Lower heat and simmer, covered, 5 minutes. Remove from heat. Stir in 2/3 cup (150 ml) Parmesan cheese. Layer half of macaroni mixture in lightly greased 8" x 8" x 2" (20 cm x 20 cm x 5 cm) baking dish. Top with meat filling, then with remaining macaroni mixture.
3. For sauce: In medium-size pot, whisk together 1 1/2 cups (375 ml) milk, flour and 1/4 tsp (1 ml) each salt and pepper. Cook over moderate heat, whisking constantly, for 8 minutes or until mixture is thickened and bubbly. Slowly stir about 1 cup (250 ml) hot mixture into lightly beaten egg yolks, then return mixture to pot. Cook, stirring constantly, 3 minutes, until mixture thickens. Stir in ¼ cup (50 ml) Parmesan cheese.
4. Pour sauce over macaroni layer. Bake 30 to 35 minutes, until heated through. Let stand 10 minutes, then serve.

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If you think you cannot lose then you are already halfway towards attaining your goal. Always look on the bright side. Always believe you'll succeed.

TAURUS ♉
APRIL 21-MAY 21
Your energy and enthusiasm, and your willingness to take risks, will impress some very important people today, and increase your chances of success.

GEMINI ♊
MAY 22-JUNE 21
Mars in your sign can make you rather emotional at times and the emotion you will experience today is anger. But that may be no bad thing.

CANCER ♋
JUNE 22-JULY 22
At last you have come to the conclusion that a certain person is no good, that they take without giving anything in return.

LEO ♌
JULY 23-AUG 23
There seems to be a lot of noise in your life at the moment and you wish you could just switch off from the world for a while. So what's stopping you?

VIRGO ♍
AUG 24-SEPT 22
If someone makes unfounded accusations about you today or tomorrow you must answer back. Others may start to wonder if it's true.

LIBRA ♎
SEPT 23-OCT 23
For some reason you have been rather inhibited of late, which is not like you at all. This phase will end over the weekend.

SCORPIO ♏
OCT 24-NOV 22
Something will happen today that angers you, and if you think that a friend or colleague has been lying to you, the fallout could be spectacular.

SAGITTARIUS ♐
NOV 23-DEC 21
It's now or never. If you don't follow your heart over the next 24 hours you could well miss out for good.

CAPRICORN ♑
DEC 22-JAN 20
There is no point trying to get along with someone if everything they say or do rubs you up the wrong way. The time for compromise is long since past.

AQUARIUS ♒
JAN 21-FEB 18
If someone you are close to emotionally is having a hard time, it's unlikely there is anything you can do to make them feel better.

PISCES ♓
FEB 19-MARCH 20
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4. Stow tooth tartar in a suitcase (1)
5. Three-ring notebook discoverer (2)
6. Heels' wives or husbands (2)
7. Calculate the size of buried pirate booty (2)

ANSWERS
1. ON IRON 2. PALE SAIL 3. DRAIN VEIN 4. PACK PLAQUE
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